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MONTEVALLO HIGH SCHOOL

Montevallo, AL 35115

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Miss Bishop to teach

Computers arrive

Shelby County Board of Education has provided MHS with 12 new Apple II computers, a printer, and new computer desks. Physical education teacher Dot Bishop will instruct classes in the Alice Boyd Building.

Teachers may reserve a time to use the computers for any class, and 34 students will be allowed to use the classroom. Some students may work on computers while others are busy on assignments.

Principal Norman Payne says, "The computers will be ready for use in approximately two weeks. Ms. Glenda Mims from Shelby County Board of Education, will be teaching an in-service workshop to instruct teachers on how to use the computer and software.

The various software that may be used will concentrate on English and writing skills, word processing, and data base. Many programs will aid in writing research papers and editing spelling. Graphs may also be inserted into papers.



THE COMPUTER REIGNS

Teacher Dot Bishop demonstrates the new computers while secretary Carolyn McCollough and student Pamela Creel and Tanya Fochtman watch and "wait to try."

All school feels pinch

Proration, budget cuts strike

PRORATION. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines it as "to divide, distribute, or assess proportionately."

Effective on Oct. 1, 1986, Governor George Wallace declared Alabama's state education budget under 5% proration for the 1986-87 school year, increasing to 7% for the 1987-88 school year.

At MHS, administrators, faculty, and students are presently feeling the effects of recent budget cuts.

Librarian Heidi Ross explains, "In the past, we have received our funds in one payment, but this year the money is being spread out into different payments. This means that if something costs more than a small amount, we have to wait and save to get it. In the meantime, we just do without." She says she believes she will not be able to purchase much-needed equipment, such as film projectors and tape recorders.

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Former coach, principal dies

Former Montevallo High School Principal Cratie Corbett died Sept. 10.

Before becoming principal in 1969, he was (at various times) MHS's democracy teacher, basketball coach, guidance counselor, and assistant principal. Poor health led to his retirement in 1980.

Business teacher Susie DeMent who knew him since his high school days says, "Mr. Corbett was a dedicated, efficient school person."

"As a principal he felt he should be on hand for any and all activities involving the students."

Freshman class tops enrollment

With the opening of school came an increase in the number of students. Total MHS enrollment this year is 437 compared to 416 last year.

The largest group is the freshman class with 145 students. There are 108 sophomores, while both junior and senior classes have 92 each.

Counselor Colleen Colley comments, "I thought the first day went extremely well. We were excited to welcome approximately 30 new students. We have a positive attitude, and we hope the year will be a good one."

Principal Norman Payne notes, "It was a really smooth opening due to great cooperation and a lot of hard work over the summer. Thanks to Mrs. Colley, maintenance man Danny Akers, and secretary Carolyn McCollough, we were prepared for all the new students coming in and the old students returning."

Proration, budget cuts --- (cont.)

Football coach Richard Gilliam does "not know if he will be receiving his new gym lockers or not."

Science teacher Carol Czerw does not think she will be able to get as much glassware or hardware as she needs, nor will she be able to restock many chemicals. She says, "It means we will have to do a better job with what we have."

....Rina Burdett

It's News Downtown

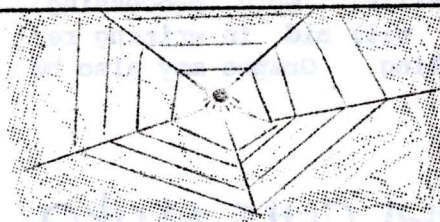
UM offers theatre plans

The University of Montevallo Theatre will present Charlotte's Webb, a Children's Theatre production, Sept. 30-Oct. 4. For more information, call 665-6210.

Regular subscription rates for non-students will include three plays and six Shakespearean films.

Season tickets for UM's Theatre for the upcoming season will be on sale through Oct. 1 at the UM Theatre Department office in Reynolds.

Spiller Furniture has



moved from beside Love-lady's Hardware on Main Street to the corner of Main and Shelby Streets. The store is owned by Mike Spiller.

Zane's Men's Shop, formerly located on Main Street, is now closed due to the retirement of its owner Zane Nathews.

Rainbow International Carpet Dying and Cleaning, owned by Mike Summerlin, is now located on Main Street.

The telephone number is 665-4209.

Haynes, Pawlik join MHS staff

Two new faculty members joined the MHS staff as school began this year, Mr. Larry Haynes and Mrs. Michele Pawlik.

Mr. Haynes, who holds both Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Montevallo, is 10th grade English teacher. While attending the university, he drove bus 82-7 for MHS.

He replaces journalism and English teacher Cathy Bearden who transferred to Pelham.

"Montevallo is loaded with school spirit," says Mr. Haynes.

Mrs. Pawlik, who is a science teacher, attended both Memphis State University and the University of Tennessee.

Mrs. Pawlik remarks, "I am glad to be here."

She fills the position held by Mrs. Joanna McGaughy, who retired at the end of the 1985-86 school year.

Upperclassmen gain siblings

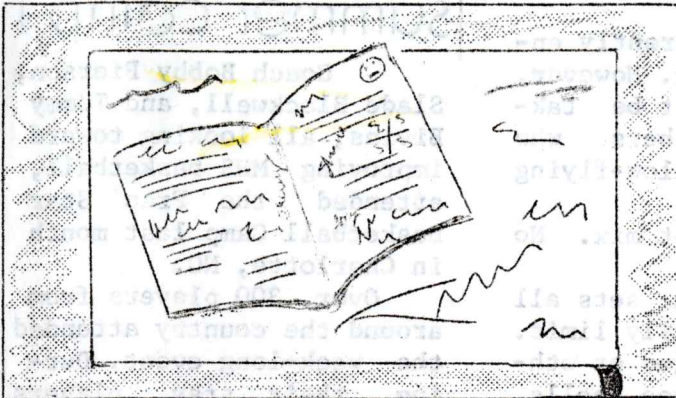
Following tradition, the Student Council paired freshmen and seniors for the Big-Brother-Big-Sister Program this fall.

Last spring Jonathan Grimes, 1985-86 SC president, organized the matchups. Current president Kara Child finalized the program.

"My big sister Meg Perkins is really sweet; she helped me a lot around the school," says freshman LeAnn Robinson.

"Everything went well," Kara says.

EDITORIALS



No room for vandals!

Everybody has a job

Due to a lack of funding statewide, MHS's budget has been cut heavily. This means that every phase of school will be affected in some way.

However, if everyone will cooperate and make the most of what we do have, there is no reason why school cannot operate as normal.

There are many things students can do to help the situation:

1. Take better care of books and desks.
2. Handle classroom equipment and materials with greater care.
3. Avoid wasting anything.
4. Concentrate on the good things we do have.

If everyone cooperates, MHS will remain a top-rate school.

Students sell

Journalism students are now selling subscriptions to SPOTLIGHT. The price for one semester is \$1.75; two semesters, \$3.00.

A mailout subscription for one year is \$6.00.

Anyone interested in subscribing should contact any staff member.

Cooks lend a helping hand

Aside from MHS's lunches our 5 lunchroom ladies and 12 student workers have been making meals for Montevallo Middle School. Because of renovation of the middle school cafeteria, the students there are eating food delivered to them from the high school in their gym.

With a double-load of work to be done in a short period of time, MHS's lunchroom workers are really doing a big job well. Try to remember this and appreciate all the work they do.

Sickness sidelines advisor

Since school began, Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley has twice been hospitalized. At present she is unable to attend school for full days, but despite her pain she works diligently as always to help with school problems.

In a recent note to the faculty Mrs. Colley wrote, "I am very anxious to get back at the privilege of working with such good people at MHS. I'm counting on your love and support until I am fully recovered."

Try to show Mrs. Colley how very important she is to the school by not bothering her with little problems that will probably work themselves out.

She merits our love and respect always--especially at this time.

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All members of the journalism class are members of the staff. These are: Wes Anderson, Amy Bice, Rina Burdett, Charles DeVinner, Tracy Duren, Michelle Frederick, John Hardin, Scott Haynie, Joy Holladay, Genie Lightfoot, DeWayne Meeks, Patty Schweitzer, Pam Shaw, Elaine Spicer, Barry Studdard, Lee Test, Jason Turner, and Sherry Yeager.

Faculty advisors are: Journalism teacher Larry Haynes and business teacher Susie DeMent.

(The newspaper is a bi-weekly publication.)

Safety helps insure fun

by John Hardin

Many MHSers and their families are currently enjoying the challenging sport of dove hunting. However, to keep it enjoyable certain precautions must be taken. Hunters should know the positions of others who are in the field and should not shoot at low-flying birds on organized group hunts.

Furthermore, alcohol and hunting do not mix. No one should hunt while intoxicated.

The Alabama Department of Conservation sets all hunting laws. Fifteen doves are the daily limit. Ten-gauge shotguns or smaller must be plugged or otherwise incapable of holding more than three shells. Hunting on a baited field is illegal.

State licenses cost \$11; county, \$6. Both may be purchased at Western Auto, Wal-Mart or at most any store that sells shells. Dove season ends Oct. 15; a second season is Dec. 23-Jan. 15.

REMEMBER--SAFETY IS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT.

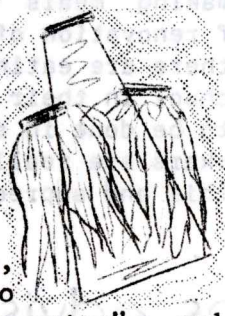
Cheerleaders earn pep award

MHS's cheerleaders attended the Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp at the University of Montevallo this summer and brought home top honors. Competing with 24 other schools, the girls won the Key to Spirit Award.

This honor, voted on by all participating squads, is for good sportsmanship, friendliness, and spirit. In addition to the Key Award, the MHSers earned four "superior" and four "excellent" ribbons. New techniques they learned include stunts, cheers, tumbling, dancing, and chants.

Instructors were from various colleges throughout the country. Head cheerleader Kara Child comments, "I thought the instructors did an excellent job of managing the large groups of cheerleaders."

Cheerleader sponsor Carol Czerw exclaims, "They were just super."



Stadium grass stays green

City Clerk Don Hughes and Montevallo city employees put a Toro sprinkler system in the football field this summer. Maintenance man Danny Akers helped put in the pipes with the equipment loaned by the city.

The system includes 12 "heads," 6 down each half of the field, instead of the original 5 heads. The watering device was purchased with Athletic funds.

"We're certainly indebted to the city for their cooperation and the fine job on this project," says Principal Norman Payne. "It really is a big help to our football field."

Cagers attend summer camp

Coach Bobby Pierson, Slade Blackwell, and Tommy Bivins, all looking toward improving MHS basketball, attended the Prep Star Basketball Camp last month in Charlotte, NC.

Over 300 players from around the country attended the week-long event. During their stay, players were evaluated and results were sent to prospective colleges.

Coach Pierson says, "I had a great time and am thinking of returning next year."

Bivins, who was selected to an All-Star team three nights, adds, "I enjoyed it a lot. I met many people with great potential."

Lady 'Dogs get new coach

Math teacher Johnye Horton will coach girls basketball this year. Former Lady Bulldog coach Dot Bishop will coach a girls softball team in the spring.

Starters Letrece Gaddis, Meg Perkins, Sonia Connell, Tena Niven, and Dana Hayes return to basketball for their senior season.

Coach Horton says, "It should be an exciting year." The 18-game season opens Nov. 25 at Shelby County High School.

An organizational meeting is set for Oct. 6 at 3:05, with tryouts set for Oct. 27.

Any girls who are interested should attend the meeting to sign up.

'Dogs 1-1 after Pelham loss

by Charles DeVinner

Keeping the fans on the edge of their seats on opening night, the Bulldogs topped the Calera Eagles in a come-from-behind overtime victory. However, they were pushed from the winning tracks the following week when Pelham's Panthers outscored the 'Dogs 17-7 to give MHS a 1-1 record.

"Poise and not panicking was a big key to our win," says Coach Richard Gilliam about the Calera Victory.

Eagles strike first

The Eagles drew first blood when quarterback Chris Smith hit wingback Ray Ross with a 32-yd. scoring strike. The PAT gave the Eagles their 7-0 halftime lead.

Late in the final period, Bulldog quarterback Slade Blackwell hit Danny Kelly from 22 yards out to cap a 71-yd. drive. The TD and Blackwell's PAT sent the match into overtime.

Calera scores again

In their first overtime possession, the Eagles scored when tailback Lee Smith romped in from five yards out. Sophomore Derrick Gilmore blocked the PAT attempt.

The Bulldogs answered when senior fullback Deme-trius Paschel bulled in from 8 yards out. Blackwell booted the PAT for the winning point, 14-13.

Senior tailback Charles DeVinner led all rushers with 160 yards on 26 carries. Others gaining Coach's praise were Paschel, Kelly, Blackwell, Gilmore, Jerry Brasher, Michael Kimbrell, and Eric McCord.

"Good spirit but poor execution," was Coach Gilliam's description of the 17-7 loss to Pelham.

Panther tailback Mike Clark scored both TDs with Richard Croom adding the PATs and a field goal.

Late in the game DeVinner went in from the nine for the Bulldogs' TD, and Blackwell booted the PAT.

Defensive leaders were Blackwell, DeVinner, Kelly, Paschel, and McCord.

Warriors visit MHS tonight

Tonight the Bulldogs square off against county rival Thompson Warriors. The Redmen have beaten the 'Dogs (except for a tie in 1977) 12 consecutive seasons, including a 25-0 defeat last year.

Next week the Bulldogs will again hear an Indian "War Cry" as Bibb County's Choctaws pay their visit.

The Choctaws defeated MHS 27-7 in '85.

DeVinner romps

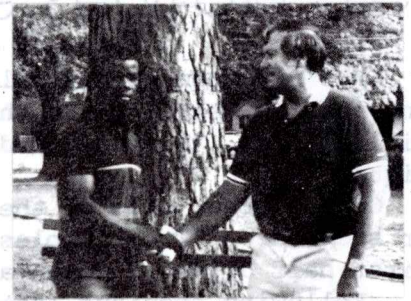
Senior Charles DeVinner was named Metro Back of the Week by the Birmingham News Sept. 4.

The 5ft. 8 in. tailback gained 160 yards in 26 carries against Calera Aug. 20.

Charles says, "If it weren't for the superior blocking of the offensive line, I could never have done that well."

After explaining that DeVinner is a "third-year varsity man who goes both ways," Coach Richard Gilliam says, "I feel Charles is deserving of the honor because he ran tough all night. He's not what we call a 'super-speed demon,' but he runs hard and with determination. He gets more yardage than a young man his size usually does."

According to the News, Charles is the 11th leading rusher (after 2nd game) in the Birmingham area, with 196 yards on 40 attempts.



WELL DONE!

Running back Charles DeVinner receives congratulations from Coach Richard Gilliam on earning Back-of-the-Week honors.

Johnson, Sailes attend football clinic

Briarwood Christian High School's coaching staff held a receivers' camp this summer. Theme for the clinic was The Proper Way to Catch and Field a Football.

MHSers running back Chris Sailes and tight end Gary Johnson, who attended the five-day program, say the camp was helpful to them. Chris explains, "The instructors stressed the proper ways of running pass routes."

'Cats con Bulldogs 19-0

by Charles DeVinner

Handing Montevallo its first area defeat of the season, Shelby County Wildcats took the 'Dogs 19-0 for a third year in a row.

Both teams went into the game with 1-1 records.

The Wildcats' first score came just seconds before halftime when Johnny Boise danced in from 6 yards out John Wood added the PAT. Chris Crenshaw rolled in from 12 yards out for a second Shelby TD.

With 6 minutes remaining, the 'Cats scored their final touchdown when Shawn King intercepted Slade Blackwell's pass for a dazzling 87-yd. return.

"Inconsistency spoiled a good effort," says Coach Richard Gilliam. Leading the team defensively were Blackwell, Eric McCord, Jerry Brasher, Demetrius Paschel, and Charles DeVinner.

Coach Martin dies

Former Montevallo High School Coach Charles Martin died last month.

Coach Martin worked at MHS from 1956-1979, serving as coach for 16 years.

During his last eight years, Coach Martin was also drivers education instructor.

Head Coach Richard Gilliam comments, "He was one of the really good technicians and an excellent teacher of fundamentals of football."

Loss provides experience

by Scott Haynie

MHS's B team gained valuable experience in an opening loss to Pelham's Panthers 20-12. Coach Richard Gilliam says, "Players need to work on defensive techniques."

On the other side of the ball, the offense was never stopped. "Two fumbles and two penalties killed first half drives," Coach adds.

Following openings left by a tough blocking line, fullback Mike Swords and tailback Chris Sailes combined for over 200 yards and two touchdowns. Receivers Jack Carter and Jason Edwards caught passes from quarterback Hazan Monk to add to the fireworks. Shawn Johnston also gave a good performance at tackle.

Volleyball starts

Volleyball practice began a week before the opening of school.

Only three players, senior Tena Niven, junior Letrece Gaddis, and freshman Yolanda Brazzell, return from last year.

Coach Dot Bishop comments, "It's a young and very small team, but they should do okay."

The Lady Bulldogs opened their season yesterday against Thompson and Homewood.

Wallace lead 'Pups past Calera

Last Tuesday, after a shaky start, the Bullpups downed Calera for their first win of the season. The 'Pups had earlier losses to Chelsea and Thompson.

At Calera, quarterback Terry Wallace rambled fifty yards for the game's only touchdown. Tailback Greg Cox went in for the two-point conversion for the 8-0 score.

Outstanding defense dominated as both teams went scoreless in the last three quarters.

"We played better defense than in the earlier games, but the offense still needs work," explains Coach Kenny Brown.

First game jitters plagued the 'Pups in their 8-0 loss to Chelsea. However, lack of experience claims responsibility for the 44-6 loss to Thompson. Coach Brown says, "Mental mistakes and miscalled plays caused the first loss." Standcuts were Cox, Wallace, Ashley Hudson, Albert Jones, Derrick Stallworth, and Ralph Vogel.

Spears plays ball

Steve Spears (MHS '86) received a full baseball scholarship from George C. Wallace Junior College.

Playing shortstop, Steve will visit Montevallo today when Wallace faces the UM Falcons at 4 and 7 p.m.

"Steve has potential to be a good college player. Hopefully, after two years at Wallace, he will sign a scholarship for two more years at a major college," explains Coach Kenny Brown who coached Steve in '86.

Groups add color to band

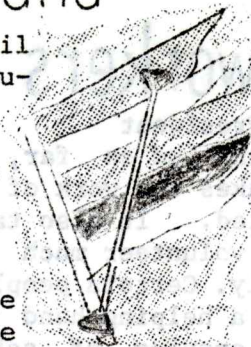
After practicing from early June until late July, the majorettes joined the Troubadours Aug. 4 in getting ready for the '86 halftime show.

With senior Lisa Lawley as head, the nine girls were helped with their routines by twirling sponsor Kelli Wyatt Smith of Corky Bell School of Dance.

This year the squad sports new orange suits which they designed themselves. The outfits are orange with a white diagonal V with blue stripes on the front.

The flag corps also designed new uniforms for this season. Their suits consist of silky white blouses, an above-the-knee skirt with an orange stripe around the bottom, and orange cummerbunds. Their new flags have rainbow stripes.

With the help of Mrs. Penny Stoudenmire Mason (MHS '84), the Corps began practice in early July.



Instructors stay occupied

Summer vacation months usually mean a time for relaxation for students and teachers.

However, several MHS faculty members worked or furthered their education during the summer recess.

English teachers, Delilah Robinson and Larry Haynes received their Masters degrees in the August commencement ceremonies at the University of Montevallo.

Former English teacher Cathy Bearden, who transferred to Pelham this fall, also finished the work for her MAT this summer.

"It took six years to do the work for both degrees, but I am glad I completed the program before I started teaching," Mr. Haynes says.

Librarian Heidi Ross spent her summer teaching Educational Media at the University of Montevallo. For her it was only a change of students and responsibilities.

Two other MHS teachers, Coach Richard Gilliam and Ms. Barbara Henderson, worked in the summer school program at Thompson.

Cheerers compete at Fair

Last Saturday Montevallo's cheerleaders won \$25 as they captured 4th place in competition with other cheerleaders of the county. The event, sponsored by I-95 was held in connection with the Shelby County Fair.

The squad, led by Kara Child performed the cheer "Let's Hear It" and a dance routine. Cheerleader Amy Glosson says, "I think we did real well, but I believe we could have done better; overall it was a lot of fun."

Shelby Academy took first place; Chelsea was second place winner.

Students show steers, take prizes

Several Montevallo FFAers participated in a steer show at the annual Shelby County Fair Sept. 8.

Montevallo Middle Schooler Doug Pate placed first in Junior Showmanship and in Class I. MHS junior Jason Turner and sophomore Tim Nabors wrapped up 3rd and 4th places respectively in Class I. Ribbons and prize money were awarded by the Fair.

Bearden gets live CPR practice

by Sherry Yeager

Senior Eric Bearden had an exciting experience during the summer while visiting in Albany, Miss. He was able to use the CPR training he had completed just two months earlier under Coach Richard Gilliam.

While sunning by a pool, five-year old Jessica Green fell into the water. Andre Grandi, 16, jumped in and pulled her out. Eric then administered CPR for approximately five minutes before she was revived.

Eric says, "I guess it would have been frightening, but I didn't have time to think about it."

No sticker, no parking, say traffic directors

Coaches Bobby Pierson and Tony Berry are selling parking permits for \$3.

Any car or motorcycle parked on campus must have a parking permit. Vehicles not having the permit will be towed. The towing fee is \$24.00.

Student Council Speaks

Council thanks workers

by Kara Child, President

Another school year has begun; and so far, MHS is looking better than ever. It takes the work of everyone to make a student body unified. It also takes individuals who are willing to volunteer much time in order to help things run smoothly. Certain people deserve recognition for offering a helping hand when it was truly needed to make the opening of school go smoothly.

First, thanks to all those who had the very heavy job of moving books to the classrooms. These volunteers did a super job. Second, the senior and freshmen classes are to be complimented for the fine attitude they showed toward the Big Brother/Big Sister Program. It is a great success, and the program serves to unite the school.

Third, special appreciation goes to vice president David Grimes, Eric Bearden, and City Clerk Don Hughes for help in spray painting the Bulldog paw prints on the road to the stadium. Mr. Hughes gave much support to the program by supplying the paint and giving valuable advice on the project.

MHS says "Thank you" to all the volunteer workers and our city for expressing such interest and pride in the school.

Fund raisers net \$2,000 plus

Band Boosters recently sponsored two big money-making events for the Troubadours. The American Cowboy Championship Rodeo came to town Aug. 30, and the Fourth Annual Troubadours Horse Show was held on Labor Day along with the Montevallo Extravaganza in Orr Park.

Band members and Boosters worked concessions as "hawkers" in the bleachers and in various other jobs.

Despite the dreary weather, the show featured halter, 4-H, racking, Western Arabian Pony, and English classes. Winners received trophies, ribbons, and \$1,500 in prizes. The Rodeo netted over \$2,000; however, the Horse Show only brought several hundred dollars according to band director Jim Weese.

Drum major trains at Auburn

Junior Paul Wilson, newly appointed Troubadour drum major, attended the Heart of Dixie Band Camp in Auburn in July. During the four-day workshop, students from across the South learned routines and performed before groups. Paul notes, "I learned a lot. It was a helpful experience--and I met a lot of girls."

Paul has several colorful uniforms with which he wears a white Cavalier hat with an orange plume.

Band to take marching trips

Competitions and trips planned for the Troubadours by their director Jim Weese include the Central Alabama Marching Festival at Thompson, Oct. 18, and the Fayetteville Marching Classic in Fayetteville, GA, Oct. 25.

In addition, Mr. Weese says he would like to take the symphonic band on an overnight trip.

Alabama Fanfare, Showdown, Trade Off (a drum feature), Evil Ways (feature tune), and Endless Love comprise the Troubadours' halftime show.

Occasionally the band will exchange Evil Ways for Malaguena.

Senior Meg Perkins has trumpet solos in Showdown and Endless Love, while senior Elaine Spicer and sophomore Betsy Weese share a French horn duet in Endless Love.

Tracks identify street to stadium

Paw prints? No, you're not imagining things. Recently the Student Council added fluorescent orange and blue paw prints to Island Street leading to Theron Fisher Stadium.

City Administrator Don Hughes gave permission and then provided paint and blocked off the street while the group worked.

SC president Kara Child and students David Grimes and Eric Bearden arranged and painted the prints.

Senior Elaine Spicer comments, "It really adds to the spirit of things."



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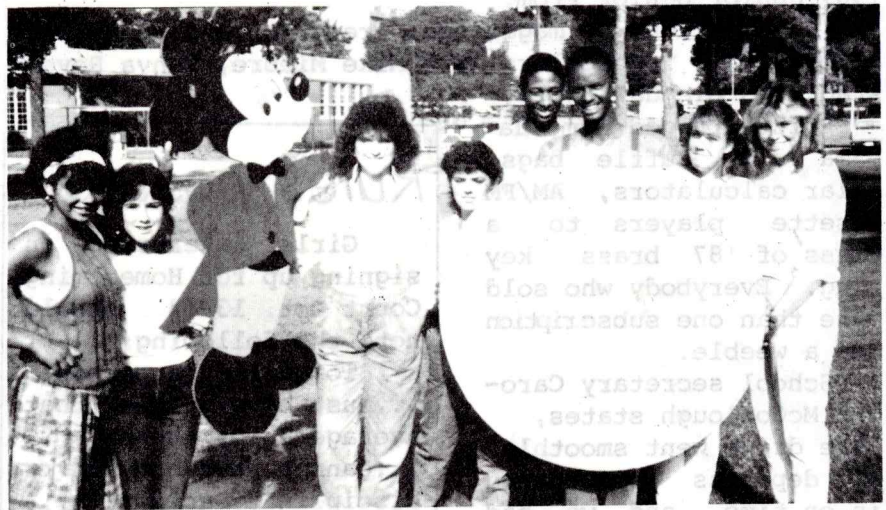
Juniors brace for 'grad exam'

On Oct. 7, 8, and 9, junior class members and several seniors will be taking the Alabama Graduation Examination, which is designed to see that all Alabama graduates have the basic skills needed in today's society.

Students must pass all three sections of the exam (English, reading and comprehension, and math) in order to receive their high school diploma.

Librarian Heidi Ross recalls that "in the past MHS students have cooperated extremely well with the guidelines set up by the state department."

To insure a "best performance" Counselor Colleen Colley advises, "Don't get nervous, get plenty rest," and eat a good breakfast on the day of the exam."



HI, HO, COME TO THE FAIR!

Tammy McKenzie, Mary Ann Kelley, Tanya Fochtman, Bridget Smith, Shawn Maddox, Maia McClain, Dawn Harkins, and Jimmie Lynn Cummings display parts of FHA's exhibit for the State Fair.

FHA competes at State Fair

Montevallo's FHA was selected by the Alabama FHA advisors to present an exhibit at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham Oct. 1-11. "Our chapter was chosen because of its outstanding projects of last year," explains home economics teacher Rose Ellen Hankins.

Chapters from across the state will be competing for cash awards. Prizes range from \$300 for third place to (Cont. p. 2)



MUTUAL ADMIRATION

Coach of the Week Richard Gilliam and Back of the Week Demetrius Paschel exchange compliments.

Bulldogs taste sweet victory

by Charles DeVinner

Over a decade had passed before the Bulldogs avenged years of frustration with the Thompson Warriors. A portion of the long-lasting feud was eased Sept. 19 when the 'Dogs defeated the Warriors 24-15 for the first time since 1974.

Manhandling the Warriors most of the game, the Bulldogs held Big Red scoreless for three quarters.

Blackwell passes

Quarterback Slade Blackwell hit junior Gary Johnson with a 4-yd. TD toss for the first Bulldog strike. Blackwell then kicked his first of three PATs for the night.

Senior Demetrius Paschel, named BRC-6 Back of the (Cont. p. 5)

Juniors complete campaign

Junior magazine sales ended Tuesday. The fundraising drive, which began Sept. 15, raised \$1,700 for the 1987 Junior-Senior Prom.

In addition to magazines, records and tapes were also sold. Top sellers were Mike Mieure, Tanya Rovellstad, and Glenda Lawley.

Prizes ranged from Alabama rugs, duffle bags, solar calculators, AM/FM cassette players to a Class of '87 brass key ring. Everybody who sold more than one subscription won a weeble.

School secretary Carolyn McCollough states, "The drive went smoothly. All deposits were turned in on time, and we had tremendous cooperation from all three sponsors."

Chairperson Barbara Belisle says, "Although we didn't reach our original goal, we did better than I first expected."

Rules posted

Girls interested in signing up for Homecoming Court Oct. 13-14 should note the following:

To qualify a person...
...must have grades that average 75 or above
...cannot have had a major disciplinary action
...must have attended MHS two semesters prior to the election
...must have written recommendations from three faculty members.

Hughes wins in lip sync

Students had a chance to mock their favorite singers and groups at the lip-sync, air-guitar contest at the sock hop after the Bibb County game. All MHSers were eligible for participation.

Four groups and one individual participated and were judged by Coach Bobby Pierson, Ms. Barbara Henderson, and Chris Sawyer.

Ms. Henderson explains, "Contestants were judged on creativity, personality, lip sync, and crowd response."

Senior Hoy Hughes won the \$20 first-place prize after his performance of "Old Time Rock-n-Roll" from the movie "Risky Business."

Second place and a \$10 prize went to Cathy Anderson, Kara Child, Suzanne Child, Amy Glosson, and Sandra Sloan for their imitation of the Go-Go's "We've Got the Beat."

Sawyer comments, "All of the contestants did a good job; the Council thanks them for participating."

It's News Downtown

PTO sponsors special events

TRADE DAY is tomorrow, Oct. 4. Montevallo PTO will sponsor various activities in the Alabama Power Parking Lot.

Activities will include a bake sale, pony rides, dunking machine, refreshments, and games for all.

Everyone is encouraged to take part. Proceeds will go to all three Montevallo schools.

The PTO is also selling stadium cushions to help raise money for schools.

Three styles of cushions are available—Alabama, Auburn, and Montevallo Bulldogs.

Prices are \$5.95 for a Bulldog cushion; \$6.95 for Alabama or Auburn.



Paul's Clothing Store has recently opened on Main Street next to Cable-Vision. Owner Paul Davis has established business hours from 9-6, Mon.-Sat.

Paul's will specialize in Army surplus supplies. Phone number is 665-4048.

Montevallo's annual Fire Prevention Day Parade will be held downtown tomorrow. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. Parade participants include MHS's Marching Troubadours.

Other participants are Montevallo's Fire Department and fire fighting units from Calera, Pelham, Alabaster, Columbiana, and Helena.

FHA competes--(Cont.)

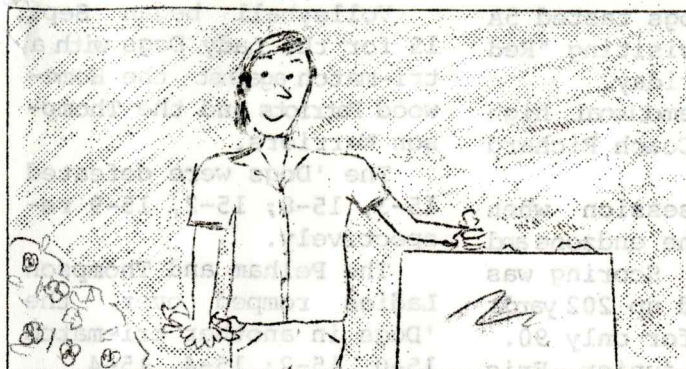
\$450 for 1st place.

In MHS's exhibit, Mickey Mouse presents the theme, "The Wonderful World of Home Economics."

To communicate what home economics provides students in high school, another message is "Developing Skills and Knowledge through Discovery and Understanding."

Mrs. Hankins and her husband Jim, and ag teacher Tony Berry and wife Valorie are helping FHA members with cutting, drawing, and painting on cardboard.

EDITORIALS



'PITCH IN' your support

Student Council Speaks

Classes choose Council reps

by Kara Child, President

MHS Student Council is complete as of Sept. 10 when 29 representatives were elected from homerooms.

They are: Rebecca Blake, Jennifer Crocker, Todd Davis, Damian Hines, Roger Hughes, Dana Layton, Alicia Mann, Renee Robertson, Cary White, Crystal Tolbert, Suzanne Child, Steve Burke, Valorie Herron, Arthur McCray, Melissa Payne, Richard Tripp, Britt Blake, Christi Hale, Hazan Monk, Steve Milstead, Cindy Robbins, Barry Studdard, Amy Bice, Charles DeVinner, Randy Johnson, Maia McClain, Chris Sailes, Sheila Readal, and Melody Thompson.

Congratulations to the new members. They have quite a job to perform. Representatives should bring ideas from their classes to the Council, be trustworthy, and, most of all, work hard for the school.

You should feel honored to be such an important part of Montevallo High School.

Team says thanks

The football team expresses appreciation to the following people for their care and support:

...Booster Club members who serve pre-game meals.

...Band for one of the best halftime shows in the county.

...Cheerleaders for promoting spirit and enthusiasm.

Department helped

Thanks to the County Board of Education and vocational school administrator Jimmy Bice, many renovations have been completed to improve the home economics department at MHS.

In the kitchen, a no-wax congooleum floor, new cabinets and counter tops, and three microwave ovens have been installed.

New carpet has been placed in the living area. A computer sewing machine, new ceilings, and improved light fixtures have been added.

Home economics teacher Rose Ellen Hankins thanks "the County, Mr. Bice, and everyone supporting home economics in helping to make the department a nice one."

Consider your choices

Recently when Student Council representatives were chosen, some people treated the election lightly--not thinking seriously.

Fortunately enough students did vote wisely so that each class has good representation.

The Council works hard; therefore, everyone should support it and try to select only the best people.

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All students in the journalism class are staff members. These are: Wes Anderson, Amy Bice, Rina Burdett, Charles DeVinner, Tracy Duren, Michelle Frederick, John Hardin, Scott Haynie, Joy Holladay, Genie Lightfoot, DeWayne Meeks, Patty Schweitzer, Pam Shaw, Elaine Spicer, Barry Studdard, Lee Test, Jason Turner, and Sherry Yeager.

Faculty advisors are: Journalism teacher Larry Haynes and business teacher Susie DeMent.

'Dogs romp over Choctaws

by Charles DeVinner

For the second week in a row, the Bulldogs tasted 5A success in their den when they stunned the visiting "Red Men" of Bibb County in a 7-0 shutout last Friday.

"This was another good effort with the emotional high not being as high as our previous game," Coach Richard Gilliam comments.

The 'Dogs scored on their first possession when senior Charles DeVinner raced 34 yards to the endzone and quarterback Slade Blackwell booted the PAT. Scoring was over for the night, but the Bulldogs rolled up 202 yards total offense while the Choctaws accounted for only 90.

Leading the 'Dogs' defensive attack was junior Eric McCord who was later named Metro Defensive Player of the Week by the Birmingham News.

Season opens for small game

by John Hardin

Many MHSers enjoy the challenge of hunting rabbits and squirrels. However, many are not aware that there are regulations for hunting small game.

The Alabama Department of Conservation sets all laws governing hunting.

Eight rabbits is the daily limit. Rabbit season runs from Oct. 15-Feb. 28.

There is a limit of eight squirrels per day. In Shelby County the season is Oct. 25-Jan. 31.

There are a few restrictions regarding arms and ammunition when rabbit or squirrel hunting.

Fully automatic firearms are prohibited. Both rifles using rimfire ammunition and those operated by air are legal. Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller are allowed when No. 4 shells or smaller are used.

State licenses cost \$11; county, 6. Both may be purchased from Wal-Mart, Western Auto, or at most stores that sell shells.

Remember--Safety First!

Backing up McCord on the defensive assault were DeVinner, Blackwell, Mike Kimbrell, and Barry Studard.

"We bent but didn't break," says Coach Gilliam about his team's defense which held the 5A Choctaws scoreless.

Bulldog Growls

Projects show school pride

by Charles DeVinner

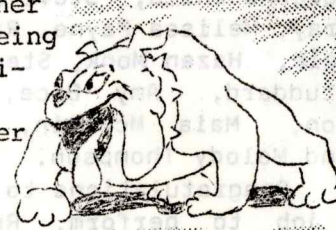
Support of MHS athletics is being sharpened by a small group of dedicated parents and fans.

This past summer, Theron Fisher Stadium underwent several visual changes. For starters, the grass was treated to a Toro sprinkler system. City Clerk Don Hughes headed the operation with city employees and maintenance man Danny Akers assisting.

Some people took time from their own work to help restore the stadium. Workers included Mr. and Mrs. Roger Calvert, Ms. Dot Holsombeck and her sons Ronny and Buddy, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Johnston, Ms. Lanice Swords, and Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Kelly.

Another project that adds spirit to MHS is the painting of paw prints on Island Street, headed by seniors Kara Child and David Grimes. Other improvements include the brightly colored Bulldog on the team's Dog House, replaced windows in the pressbox, and repainting the signs on the fence around the field.

Without the help of all these generous people, the improvements would have been impossible. In appreciation Coach Richard Gilliam says, "Thanks to the few who worked real hard, we are able to play in a great looking stadium."



Girls defeat Fultondale

Volleyball began Sept. 15 for the Lady Dogs with a tri-match against the Homewood Patriots and the Thompson Warriors.

The 'Dogs were defeated 15-3, 15-8; 15-2, 15-9 respectively.

The Pelham and Thompson Ladies romped over the 'Dogs in another tri-match 15-0, 15-2; 15-4, 15-4.

On Sept. 25, Montevallo played Fultondale and Briarwood and picked up their first win against Fultondale, 14-16, 16-14, 18-16.

Briarwood defeated MHS 15-9, 15-3, and 12-15.

Coach Dot Bishop says, "They played real well against Fultondale; they played like a team."

Duo wins recognition

by John Hardin

After the Bulldogs' 24-15 win over Thompson, head football Coach Richard Gilliam and running back Demetrius Paschel received honors from the press.

Coach Gilliam was named Metro Shelby Coach of the Week by the Birmingham News.

Paschel, who rushed 8 times and averaged 9.6 yards per try (including a 46-yd. TD run), earned Back of the Week citation from Channel 6 News.

Coach Gilliam says, "It is an honor, but it was the players who made the difference." About Paschel, Coach adds, "I think he is going to make an outstanding back. He is capable of being just as good as he wants to be."

Paschel, giving praise to his teammates, says, "The line deserves the credit for providing good blocking."

'Dogs prepare for area game

Jemison's Panthers are first on the slate for the Bulldogs as they begin a run of three consecutive road games tonight.

Briarwood (area game) and John Carroll follow.

"I feel Jemison (4-1) is the hardest team left on our schedule," says Coach Richard Gilliam.

The 'Dogs, having had a good week of preparation, know this area-matchup is vitally important to their state play-off hopes.

...Charles DeVinner

Sweet victory ---- (Cont.)

Week, raced 44 yards for the second Bulldog TD.

Late in the third period, Blackwell added 3 more points as he booted a 35-yd. field goal off the hold of sophomore Hazan Monk.

DeVinner wraps it up

Dancing into the endzone from 6 yards out, senior Charles DeVinner put the finishing touches on the "be-lated" victory.

Thompson's scoring came in the final period. Quarterback Shane Horrell threw a pair of TD passes and one 2-point conversion.

Coach praises all

"This was a total team effort with our defense carrying us for the first three quarters and the offense for the final period," comments Coach Richard Gilliam (named Metro Coach of the Week by Birmingham News.)

Coach had special praise for Eric McCord, Blackwell, and Paschel. "The interior line and the specialty teams were all big contributors to the victory," he adds. "We are capable of beating anyone left on our schedule."

Improved 'Pups fall to Blocton

Montevallo's Bullpups revealed their run - and - shoot offense on the road against West Blocton last Tuesday night.

Quarterback Terry Wallace rambed 45 yards for the first 'Pup touchdown.

Greg Cox scored and Randy Tolbert ran a 2-point conversion to put MHS ahead 14-12 at halftime.

Second half action was hard fought but the Tigers came back to win 20-14.

"They have finally come together as a team," says Coach Kenny Brown.

JV suffers loss

After winning their game with Calera's Eagles, MHS Bullpups fell to the Shelby County juniors 36-0, on Sept. 23.

"I saw very few areas of improvement," Coach Kenny Brown comments. "We must improve much more if we want to win the next game."

Chaplain inspires team

by Charles DeVinner

Summer brought Pastor Rick Evans from Enon Baptist Church to share spiritual leadership, individual self-esteem, and wisdom of the Lord's Word with MHS football team as their chaplain.

Pastor Evans, a Troy University graduate, lived in Prattville before coming to Montevallo with his wife Melania and his three children four years ago.

Coach Richard Gilliam says, "He has contributed
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Students complete art work

Humanities teacher Ann Parker's art class has been working on various projects. Students have completed collages, folders in which they keep their work, chalk and pencil drawings, and drawings from the right side of the brain. The latter is done when a student turns a picture upside down but draws it as if it were correctly placed.

According to Mrs. Parker, this process forces the artist to use the right side of the brain and to draw by looking at shapes, not by recognizing figures.

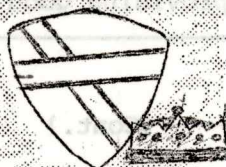
The class recently attended the Alabama Print Portfolio showing at the University of Montevallo and plans to attend other gallery exhibits at UM also.

Class researches for reports

College prep English students in Ms. Barbara Belisle's class are completing oral reports on Anglo Saxon and Medieval periods. Presentations range from reigns of Medieval kings to the impact of Black Death on the feudal system.

Next Wednesday, students will meet at the Oliver Cromwell Carmichael Library at the University of Montevallo to take a test to determine if they may receive borrowers' cards. The cards will allow the MHSers to use books from the University library.

Soon, according to Mrs. Belisle, the class will begin studying English and Scottish Ballads, Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, Sir Thomas Malory's Morte d'Arthur, and Defoe's Robinson Crusoe.



Three MHSers receive honors

Several Montevallo FFA members competed in a lamb show at Tuscaloosa's West Alabama Fair Grounds on Sept. 25.

In showmanship, John Burke and Julie Staffney placed 3rd and 6th, respectively, while Dana Hayes earned honorable mention.

All three received honorable mention in their classes.

FFA sponsor Tony Berry says, "For the first time in a showing, all did a good job in handling the lambs."

Band'sells'car

MHS band is selling chances on the 1972 Chevrolet Impala parked in front of the school.

Chances are \$1.00 each and may be purchased from any Band Booster or in the office.

The car, donated by Leach Pontiac, will be given away at halftime at the Homecoming game.

Chaplain inspires-(cont.)

spiritually to the growth of the players and their coaches, and I love and appreciate him for his ministries."

"Our association with Pastor Evans lifts us up and inspires us to be better as he teaches principles that can be applied to our everyday lives," states Bulldog Chris Sailes.

"In my time with the team," Brother Evans says, "I've learned much about the Bulldogs and their small coaching staff."

"I realize what a great experience it is for me to be associated with this group of young men."

Grant provides art courses

by Joy Holladay

For the first time ever, Montevallo Middle and Elementary Schools will offer art courses. Mr. Bob Marchioney will teach on a government grant which will be matched by Montevallo PTO.

Eighth graders Kim Niven and Kacy Henderson say, "It's exciting, and we've learned a lot about art."

Mr. Marchioney has been teaching at MMS since Sept. 1 and started work at MES Sept. 30.

"The students are very excited to have an art teacher. It is a different experience for them," says MES secretary Bonnie Alexander.

PTO presidents Fay Roberts and Jane Clayton, along with other PTO members, are working hard to promote funding for the art teacher by selling Montevallo Bulldog, Alabama, and Auburn stadium cushions and by other fund-raising activities.



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THIS IS IT!

Band director Jim Weese shows soloists Elaine Spicer, Betsy Weese, and Meg Perkins a trophy similar to the ones he would like for them to bring home from their upcoming competition.

Marchers to go to contests

COMPETITION IS ON THE AGENDA for the Troubadours for the next two Saturdays. On Oct. 18, they will compete in the Central Alabama Marching Festival, and on Oct. 25, the Fayette Marching Classic in Georgia.

At Thompson High School in the Central Alabama Marching Festival, the band will compete in Class C at 3 p.m., with Ms. Stacy Goss, Albertville High School; Dr. Larry Mallet, head of the music department at the University of Montevallo; and Mr. Dewey Countryman of Gadsden will judge the musicians.

Other judges will be: Tammy Festivan, former Auburn twirler, majorettes; Becky Rogers of West Point
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'Dogs shutout State's No. 10

by John Hardin

STATE PLAYOFF HOPES were heightened for the Bulldogs when they defeated 10th ranked Jemison 17-0, Oct. 3. Only one area game remains for the 'Dogs--Dallas County, Oct. 31, the last game of the season.

After a defensive struggle in the first quarter against Jemison, quarterback Slade Blackwell booted a 24-yd. field goal off the hold of junior Hazan Monk to first light the scoreboard. Late in the second period, running back Charles DeVinner added six points

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Pupils play; teachers work

Tomorrow all the Shelby County Schools will be closed for a Professional Development Day.

Although students will enjoy a "free day," all teachers will report to Shelby County High School for small group seminars planned for teachers of specific grades or subject areas.

Teachers will be required to attend three of the seminars.

Librarian Heidi Ross will present a session on copyright law and its implications for educators.

"Most of the sessions are pretty good while some are just for fun," states Mrs. Ross.



TOUGH COMPANY!

BIRMINGHAM NEWS Linemen of the Week Michael Kimbrell and Eric McCord exchange handshakes as they prepare for another contest. Kimbrell was cited after the Jemison game; McCord for the Bibb County shutout.

Group ranks at State Fair

Montevallo's FHA captured 2nd place and \$350 cash at the Alabama State Fair Oct. 1-11. Home economics teacher Rose Ellen Hankins states, "We'll use the money to buy special equipment that normally we would not be able to have."

Junior Kim Greer, sophomores Mary Ann Kelley, Tammy McKenzie, Dawn Harkins, Shawn Maddox, and Jimmie Lynn Cummings attended the Fair with the exhibit. Mrs. Liz Killingsworth, Jimmie Lynn Cummings' mother; and Mrs. Jamie Kelley, Mary Ann's mother, accompanied the students and Mrs. Hankins on the trip.

Musicians will compete -- (Cont.)

High School, colorguard; Chris Byers, who is a former student director at MHS and MMS, drum line; and Bob Killiam, Albertville High School, drum majors.

The Troubadours will perform Alabama Fanfare, Showdown, Trade Off (drum feature), Malaguena, and Endless Love in the competition.

For the Fayette Marching Classic, the MHSers will leave early Saturday morning on Trailway buses. After performing its halftime show for their presentation, the group will remain overnight. Sunday, the band will enjoy Six Flags before returning to Montevallo.

It's News Downtown

Annual score given at park

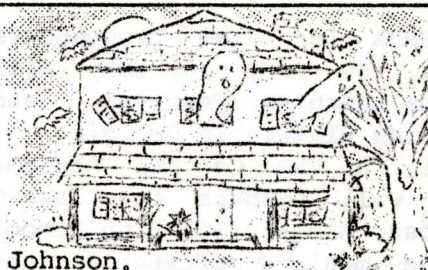
Montevallo's PTO will sponsor a haunted house during Halloween season.

Located at Orr Park in the recreation building, the house will be open Oct. 24 - 26 from 9 to 12 p.m., and on Oct. 27 - 31 from 7 to 10 p.m., staying open till Midnight on Halloween.

Admission price will be \$2 per person.

Montevallo Clinic opened recently on 200 Island Street behind Jack's.

It is a family medicine clinic organized by Dr. William Owings, Dr. Steve Lovelady, and Dr. Carol



Each physician has a special interest-- Dr. Owings, general surgeon; Dr. Lovelady, sports medicine; and Dr. Johnson, infectious diseases.

Dr. Owings, who practiced medicine in Bibb County 21 years, says, "We opened the office as a service to our friends and patients in the Montevallo area."

Office hours are: Monday through Friday--8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday: 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Clinic will take appointments or patients who are walk-ins.

Club plans fun for all

Homecoming is Oct. 24. Student Council members are busy preparing for the week.

Activities will include dress-up days, class competition, a bonfire, announcement of the queen and court, football game, and a dance.

There will be three dress-up days--Wednesday, Toga Day; Thursday, Punk Day; and Friday, Orange and Blue Day.

Hall decorations

There will be many class competitions. Seniors will decorate the hall by Mrs. Ann Parker's room; juniors, by Mrs. Barbara Belisle's and Mr. Doug Morris's rooms; sophomores, Mrs. Delilah Robinson's and Mrs. Heidi Ross's rooms; and freshmen, Miss Susie DeMent's room.

Awards will be given to the class which cheers most at Friday's pep rally.

Thursday night will be the annual bonfire on the baseball field with Coach Bobby Pierson as speaker.

'Dogs play Blocton

Friday night, activities will climax with the Bulldogs taking on West Blocton and the announcement of the Queen.

Immediately after the game, students, alumni, and friends will gather in the auditorium for the dance and the alumni get-together.

Student Council president Kara Child comments, "I hope it goes over well and that all the student body participates."

EDITORIALS



Student Council Speaks

Volunteers sought

by Kara Child, President

It's hard to believe, but Homecoming '86 is almost here. This is the time of the year Student Council works the hardest.

With help from members of the student body, the Council plans most homecoming activities. The members decorate the auditorium, plan Spirit Week, provide music, arrange pregame and leadout programs, and perform many other duties. The Council and faculty are divided into committees to serve each purpose.

There's a job for everyone. The Council welcomes help as they decorate from Monday till Thursday, during and after school.

We hope that together we can make this homecoming one to remember.

Alumni still MHSers

Welcome to Homecoming.

Former students and faculty members should all be made welcome.

Whether these returnees left last year or long ago, they are forever a part of Montevallo High.

Student Council members are commended for their efforts and hard work. Because of their dedication, we can enjoy Homecoming!

Band seeks school support

When the Troubadours compete in the Central Alabama Marching Festival at Thompson, they hope to see a crowd of supporters in the stands. In this respect, however, the band may be disappointed.

People from Montevallo rarely go to band competitions unless they are connected with the Troubadours somehow. As a whole, more graduated band members attend than people presently affiliated with MHS.

The group, which has not rated lower than superior since 1980, when it earned excellent scores, will perform at 3 p.m.

We hope that both students and staff will support our excellent band at this local competition.

Guidelines set for HC dance

Next Friday, the Homecoming dance will be held in the auditorium. In the past, there have been few or no disciplinary problems. We encourage students to behave as young adults so that everyone may enjoy this special occasion.

Please follow these guidelines:

Do not use alcoholic beverages or any other type of drug before or during the dance.

Although we want everyone to have fun, "horse play" will not be tolerated.

Lastly, be kind and considerate to fellow MHSers from the past and present.

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All students in the journalism class are staff members. These are: Wes Anderson, Amy Bice, Rina Burdett, Charles DeVinner, Tracy Duren, Michelle Frederick, John Hardin, Scott Haynie, Joy Holladay, Genie Lightfoot, DeWayne Meeks, Patty Schweitzer, Pam Shaw, Elaine Spicer, Barry Studdard, Lee Test, Jason Turner, and Sherry Yeager. Tomi Harkins, guest reporter.

Faculty advisors are: Journalism teacher, Larry Haynes and business teacher Susie DeMent.

For the first time ever, the Bulldogs will play a Class 6A school when they travel to Birmingham Friday to face John Carroll's Cavaliers.

Although the Cavaliers have not tasted victory in 32 consecutive games, Coach Richard Gilliam says, "John Carroll will be the second toughest match-up on our schedule this season."

Friday's game is an important one for Montevallo as it serves as the last of the 'Dogs' designated games.

In case of a tie among area teams, the designated games are used to determine which club advances to state playoff action.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, losses to Pelham and Briarwood were the other designated matches.

Lady 'Dogs meet

Members of the Lady Bulldogs' basketball team held an organizational meeting Wednesday with their Coach Johnve Horton.

The Ladies will begin their practice after school on Oct. 20.

Bulldogs shut out No. 10 -- (Cont.)

as he dashed for four yards. Blackwell kicked his first of two PATs for the 10-0 halftime lead.

"I was proud of the way the team hung in there in the first quarter," says Coach Richard Gilliam. The "Dogs then "dominated" the second half with DeVinner scoring a second TD late in the game.

Coach had special praise for Blackwell. "He has shown consistency the last three games, as well as reading keys and making big plays on defense." Other standouts noted by Coach were DeVinner, Monk, Michael Kimbrell, Derrick Gilmore, Danny Kelly, and Eric McCord.

Players recognized for efforts

Two Bulldogs were recognized for their outstanding efforts in recent victories.

Eric McCord, 5'10", 148-lb. junior linebacker/fullback, was named Lineman of the Week by the Birmingham News after the Bibb County game. In the 7-0 shutout, McCord posted 5 solo tackles and 6 assists to help seal the Bulldogs' victory.

Coach Richard Gilliam points out, "McCord has been a stronghold to the defense, always around the ball; and he is developing into a really good line-backer."

After the Bulldogs dealt their second shutout (Jemison 17-0), Michael Kimbrell was also named Lineman of the Week by the News. Michael "opened holes on the offensive line and closed holes on the defensive side of the ball." Coach Gilliam says, "Michael was effective on shielding blockers on defense and blocking well while on offense."

A two-year starter, Kimbrell proved to be the key which helped power the Bulldogs past the Panthers for their first area win.

- * Cagers to start

Basketball practice begins Oct. 20 for the Bulldogs as they prepare for an opening game with West Blocton Nov. 14 at home.

Coach Bobby Pierson says, "I'm really looking forward to the season," as four of his starters return.

Those who return are Tommy Bivins, Slade Blackwell, Demetrius Paschel, and Floyd Richardson.

* Ladies play
* county foes

by Amy Bice

Today the Lady 'Dogs face Pell City and Childersburg in volleyball matches; then, on Oct. 18 they play in the County Tournament at Briarwood.

Over the past two weeks, the Ladies have picked up six wins.

They defeated Childersburg (15 -3; 15 -8), Briarwood (15 -9; 15-13), Vincent (15-10; 6-15; 17-15), B. B. Comer (15-10; 15-8), and Chelsea in two games (15 -3; 15 -13) and 15-10; 15-6).

During the same period, they lost to Pelham, Vincent, Childersburg, and Briarwood.

Head Coach Dot Bishop comments, "Even though they lost, they played their best game of the year against Pelham."

Briarwood upsets Bulldogs

by Charles DeVinner

Despite unfavorable predictions for them by the Birmingham News, the Lions of Briarwood surprised the 10th ranked Bulldogs for the second consecutive season, 14-7 last week.

The Lions did all their scoring in the first half on a 2-yd. run by Keith Shaffer and a 10-yd. pass from Brad Gray to David Barnes. Barnes kicked both PATs to finish up the Lions' scoring.

Blackwell runs 80 yards

Early in the third period quarterback Slade Blackwell raced 80 yards for the Bulldogs' only touchdown. He also booted the PAT.

Briarwood controlled the ball most of the night; and, as a result, Montevallo didn't have time to play catch-up ball.

"This was a case of the slower team who executed defeating the faster team which didn't," explains Coach Richard Gilliam.

Too many errors

Lack of concentration, fumbles, interceptions, and poor execution limited the 'Dogs offensively.

Junior Eric McCord led the Bulldogs on defense, aided by seniors Michael Kimbrell and Charles DeVinner.

Blackwell led the team in rushing with 97 yards in 9 carries.

* 'Pups win *

Junior varsity gridmen raised their record to 3-4 by knocking off Bibb County's Choctaws Tuesday.

Randy Tolbert scored two TD's; Albert Jones, one.

"It was another good effort by both offense and defense," says Coach Kenny Brown. "They have improved with each game."

Bulldog Growls

'Dogs participate in HC games

by Charles DeVinner

Before enjoying their own homecoming, the Bulldogs were invited to take part in two others this season. The 'Dogs began the homecoming performances slowly, losing to Briarwood 14-7 last Friday.

Tomorrow they face the Cavaliers of John Carroll who will also be celebrating homecoming.

Next week the 'Dogs will play in their own "alumni show" as the Tigers of West Blocton (4-3) visit the 'Dogs' den. Last year the Tigers defeated the 'Dogs 34-26 in their own homecoming game to banish all playoff hopes for Montevallo.

"Over the years we've averaged about 3 or 4 homecoming wins a year," comments Coach Richard Gilliam. Last year the 'Dogs lost their first homecoming in the history of the school. That was a 14-7 crucial area loss to Briarwood.



Weather threatens

by Charles DeVinner

Coaches worry about football injuries during sudden weather changes.

Since 50° weather is predicted for tomorrow at game time and only a month ago teams were required by Alabama High School Athletic Association to take extra "heat" time outs, a drastic change is in the forecast for the 'Dogs.

Coaches and players must take special care and warm up properly to try to avoid all possible injuries.

Johnson suffers broken hand

Junior varsity falls to W. Blocton

by Barry Studdard

Big plays were plentiful in the first quarter as the Bullpups lost to West Blocton's Tiger Cubs 24-8 at Fisher Stadium. Randy Tolbert's 35-yd pass to Terry Wallace was followed by Greg Cox's 45-yd. run to put the 'Pups ahead 6-0. Montevallo scored again when Cox went in from 5 yards out later in the half.

Just before intermission, with MHS ahead 12-8, momentum shifted when defensive end Paul Johnson's arm was broken when he went down and was stepped on by a Tiger Cub.

West Blocton came back to score two second-half TDs. "The loss of Paul Johnson broke the team's back and turned the game around," says Coach Kenny Brown.

Group is broodened

Through group and individual counseling, students are introduced to topics such as skills in communication, decision making and test taking, self awareness, scholarship information, and career exploration.

Monthly group sessions are held for each grade separately.

Gifted resource consultant Martha Lamberth comments, "We have been busy organizing and getting to know the students."

Senior Randy Johnson is Montevallo's representative in the Student Advisory Committee which plans for county-wide seminars for ERC students.

The group began a project on Career Search Activities Wednesday.

Student testing goes as planned

October 7, 8, and 9, juniors and some seniors took the Alabama Graduation Exam.

Administrators of the test were "extremely pleased" with the way things went during the testing.

Counselor Colleen Colley says, "All our participants were just great."

"The administrators did another outstanding job, and the testing overall went well."

Principal Norman Payne states, "I thought it was one of our best testing periods. We had no problems with classes not involved in the exam, and all students had a good attitude about the test."



FFAers win at Selma Fair

Montevallo students swept top honors in the steer show at the Selma Fair Oct. 1.

Dana Hayes, Lance Byrd, Doug Pate, Tim Nabors, and Jason Turner captured the top five positions. Doug Pate qualified for showmanship.

Mr. Tony Berry, FFA advisor, states, "There were many good calves, and we placed well among the steers. I am very pleased with what our students did."

Supplies donated to lab

Montevallo's chemistry department received much-needed chemicals from Bessemer Tech last week.

Due to the halt of a chemistry unit at the college, Tech officials gave an estimated \$500 worth of chemicals to MHS. Included in the stock are many acids and salts useful to the department.

Head of MHS's science department Carol Czerw says, "It will take a while but the chemicals will soon be arranged into the existing stock."



Students get outlook on future

Thirteen MHSers attended Alabama State's Senior Day last Saturday. Making the trip with ASU alumnus Coach Bobby Pierson were Tommy Bivins, Tammy Conwell, Eric Craig, Charles DeVinner, Sonya and Teresa Farrington, Donna Gentry, Kelvin Harrell, Demetrius and Jan Paschel, Chris Sailes, Tara Staffney, and Melody Thompson.

After touring the school's departments, the students attended a luncheon, and later watched as Fort Valley State defeated Alabama State 23-20.

Juniors take 'big' step

Yesterday, juniors ordered their class rings from Mr. Bert Jones, Josten's representative.

Rings vary from the Achiever or Classic for guys to the Heart to Heart for the girls.

"It feels great to finally be ordering rings," says junior Kim Greer.

"This is what being a junior is all about."

Photo date re-set

Due to uncontrollable circumstances, many school days pictures must be re-taken. Thirty pictures on the photographer's last roll of film did not develop properly.

According to Mrs. Heidi Ross, yearbook sponsor, the date for remakes has been set for Oct. 23.



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MONTEVALLO HIGH SCHOOL
Montevallo, AL 35115

Friday, Oct. 31, 1986



WARM SMILE!

Queen Cathy Anderson enjoys a sunny morning at MHS.

Cathy captures HC crown

Homecoming activities came to a climax when Cathy Anderson, a senior cheerleader, was crowned Homecoming queen for 1986 at the dance following a 20-0 football victory over West Blocton. Cathy won the honor by popular vote of the student body and received the crown from last year's queen Wanda Sloan.

Senior attendants, also chosen by the students, were Kara Child and Cecilia Rutledge.

Selected by their classmates as freshmen attendants were Dana Layton and Renae Robertson. Sophomores in the court were Suzanne Child and Melissa Payne; junior representatives were Kristie Pate and Sandra Sloan.

Several activities took place as classes competed in dress-up days and hall decorating during Spirit Week.

Freshmen captured first place for hall decorations and participation in Punk Day. Orange and Blue

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Students to plan for future

Juniors and seniors will attend College Day at MHS on Nov. 4. These students will be given the opportunity to ask representatives from different colleges questions about the curriculums offered at their schools.

They will also gain further knowledge toward making career choices and the college they should attend to receive the education for their selected field.

Approximately forty-five school representatives and a recruiter from each branch of the military will take part in the program according to guidance counselor Colleen Colley. "There will be a large group session from 8:15 to 10:45 a.m. for consideration of selecting a college," says Mrs. Colley.

Hardin named NHS president

John Hardin has been elected president of the National Honor Society for the 1986-87 school year. Randy Johnson will serve as vice president, and Marsha Tryon will be secretary. David Grimes was named treasurer.

According to sponsor Colleen Colley, the Honor Society will continue to sponsor Honor Roll recognition awards, Teacher Appreciation Day, and 8th grade orientation which is conducted at the end of second semester. Members of NHS will also host College Day activities set for next week.

Mrs. Colley says, "This is an outstanding group of people; I'm looking forward to a good year together."

Rain cancels band contest

Last Saturday, MHS's Marching Troubadours traveled to Fayetteville, GA, only to be disappointed because of the cancellation of the Fayette Marching Classic.

Due to the rainy weather, only the first class of bands were able to perform. MHSers visited Six Flags Sunday and returned home that afternoon.

In competition at the Central Alabama Marching Festival at Thompson, Oct. 18, the Troubadours won 1st place in their class, with an overall score of 95.5.

The band achieved all superior ratings, as did the flags, drum line, and drum major Paul Wilson. The majorettes rated excellent.

Lawley, Bomar receive honor

Seniors Lisa Lawley and Chris Bomar have been designated Commended Students in the 1987 National Merit Scholarship Program. Principal Norman Payne says that on the basis of performance on the qualifying test for the annual Merit Program, Lisa and Chris placed in the top 50,000 of more than one million participants. They will receive Letters of Commendation "in recognition of outstanding academic promise."

An officer of NMSC, which conducts the program, says, "The very high test performance of the young men and women who are honored as Commended Students in the Merit Program is indicative of exceptional scholastic ability. Being commended in this keen competition is a credit to these young citizens as well as to their schools, which play a key role in their development."

"We are extremely proud of Lisa and Chris for this accomplishment. I hope this will encourage them in future endeavors," states guidance counselor Colleen Colley.

Dates set

General information for college-bound students will be available at various area colleges in November.

On Nov. 1, UAB Honors Day will begin a series of High School Days for seniors who are planning to attend college.

Samford University will host a similar event Nov. 8, followed by Birmingham Southern's Senior Day on Nov. 22.

"This is a good opportunity to learn more about the schools and their programs," states guidance counselor Colleen Colley.

Homecoming - (Cont.)

Day and Toga Day went to the juniors.

Freshmen and juniors were tied until Friday at the pep rally when the juniors were declared winners after showing the most spirit in cheering.

For their efforts the juniors won the spirit stick and a coke party during third period last Wednesday.

Holiday nears

Students can look forward to another four-day week in November.

Veterans day will be observed Nov. 11. School will resume on Nov. 12.

It's News Downtown

UM group to perform play

The UM Theatre Department will present Ghosts, Nov. 5-8, in Reynolds Hall. The play, written by Ibsen, focuses on society's expectations and problems.

Mrs. Mary Harbour will direct Ghosts, and Charles Hannum is producing it.

Tickets, to be on sale at the central ticket office and the Theatre Department at the end of October, are \$4 each.

Je Roe's Deli, located on Vine Street is relocating. Owner Jereld Roe Turner says that the restaurant will move into the old Sherman Holland

Students take 'tough' test

On Oct. 21, 40 juniors and sophomores took the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test.) The test is designed to help students prepare for the ACT (American College Testing) and the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test).

ACT and SAT are the tests most colleges require for entrance in their schools.

For instance, a minimum score of 18 on the ACT is required for admittance to Auburn University.

The PSAT is one of the qualifying tests students take to enter scholarship programs conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

After they completed the test, several juniors declared it to be "extremely difficult."



Ford building across from Merchants and Planters Bank on Main Street. The move is set for next month.

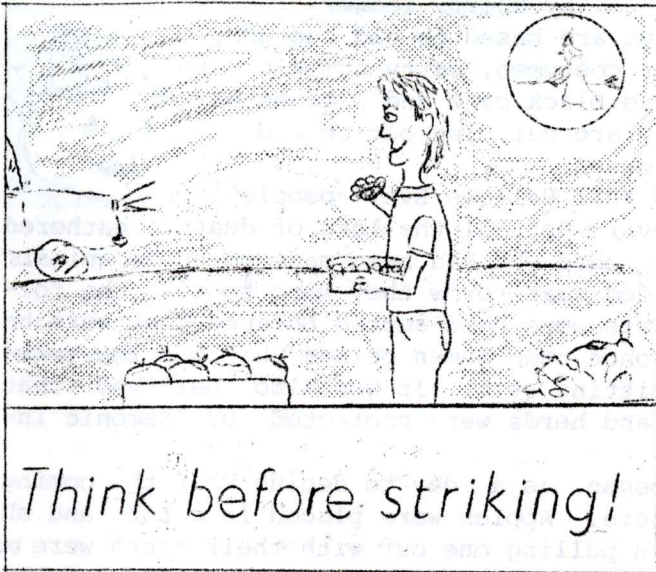
Merchants and Planters Bank, celebrating its 85th anniversary will dedicate their new wing Sunday.

The addition includes an executive section and a computer room.

Mayor Ralph Sears will cut the ribbon at 2 P.M., with Open House lasting until 4:30.

Prizes and favors including over 300 caps and visors, will be given. Grand prize, with drawing at 4:00 p.m., is a VCR.

EDITORIALS



Holiday cites havoc

Because today is Halloween, many students will be out late, participating in potentially dangerous situations.

Students should never drink and drive --particularly tonight when children will be on the streets. Many pranks can cause injuries or damage. Water balloons, eggs, and other objects should not be tossed at moving cars because of the possibility of confusing the driver or causing loss of vision. Broken windows and windshields can also occur.

Band members, football players, and cheerleaders should be careful not to bother their bus drivers with loud cheering during the long, late-hour drive home.

Any form of vandalism should be avoided. "Rolling" yards with toilet paper is not good. Obviously the owner of the property can become upset and actually take legal action.

We discourage all cruel or tasteless jokes and pranks.

REMEMBER, if everyone is to enjoy the holiday, everyone must cooperate in making it safe.

'Dogs need win

Tonight's game with Dallas County is a "must" for the Bulldogs if they are to go to State. GOOD LUCK! We're all behind you!

SC president praises effort

by Kara Child, President

As Student Council president, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in the planning of Homecoming 1986. The entire student body pitched in and contributed much to its success.

Representatives, committee heads, and officers are commended for their leadership and acceptance of responsibility. I also thank Mr. Payne and faculty members for letting us organize and perform the activities during Spirit Week. The whole school showed tremendous spirit all week for the dress-up days, hallway decorations, pep rally, and bonfire.

And congratulations to the Bulldogs for a victory which made Homecoming complete.

Without the help of these special people and events, Homecoming would not have been possible. Thanks for making it a memory never to be forgotten.

Groups perform

Congratulations to the band and football team for their efforts last weekend despite the foul weather.

Although the band did not get to perform in competition, their hard work in preparation demonstrates their dedication.

We wish both groups success tonight when they perform at Dallas County.

SPOTLIGHT

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All students in the journalism class are staff members. These are: Wes Anderson, Amy Bice, Rina Burdett, Charles DeVinner, Tracy Duren, Michele Frederick, John Hardin, Tomi Harkins, Scott Haynie, Joy Holladay, Genie Lightfoot, DeWayne Meeks, Patty Schweitzer, Pam Shaw, Elaine Spicer, Barry Studdard, Lee Test, Jason Turner, and Sherry Yeager.

Faculty advisors are: Journalism teacher, Larry Haynes and business teacher Susie DeMent.

Teachers learn in workshop

Mrs. Glenda Mims, math and science coordinator for Shelby County Board of Education, conducted English computer classes at Montevallo and Thompson High Schools Oct. 20-23.

These two are the first schools in the county to receive the instructions.

Funding for the classes was provided by English grant money from the Board of Education.

MHS English teachers involved were Barbara Belisle, Larry Haynes, Ann Parker, and Delilah Robinson.

Special education teachers Robert Bellah and Marcia Spivery were included with the program with the hopes of gaining knowledge about computer programs available to them.

Science teacher Ann Pawlik and PE teacher Dot Bishop also took the course "to learn new methods."

When the computer program goes into use for classes, Miss Bishop will be in charge of scheduling the room.

'Becket' studied

Students in Mrs. Barbara Belisle's college prep English class will soon begin studying early English and Scottish Ballads.

Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales and Sir Thomas Malory's Morte d'Arthur are two of the selections to be studied.

After completing a test on "Becket," a film based on Thomas à Becket and King Henry II of Britain, the class is now reading Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe.

Halloween brings old customs

by Sherry Yeager

Many holidays are based on old customs. When people wear costumes, carry pumpkin lanterns, and use black cats and witches as decorations, they are carrying out an old tradition--Halloween.

Once called "All Hallows Eve," people believed that every Oct. 31 the lord of death gathered all souls of the dead who had been made to enter animals' bodies and decided what forms they were to take the following year. Cats were held sacred because they were believed to have once been human beings that had been transformed for committing evil. It was also believed that crops, flocks, and herds were protected by "demonic influences."

Halloween began as a day to decide what the coming year had in store. Apples were placed in a tub, and all who succeeded in pulling one out with their teeth were to have a good year. This is how "bobbing for apples" began.

Bonfires were built in honor of the sun god and to frighten away evil spirits. An Irish legend says that jack-o-lanterns were named for a man named Jack who could not enter heaven or hell because he had played tricks on the devil. So he was doomed to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgment Day. Today children carry lanterns and people carve pumpkins as Halloween decorations.

These traditions and others that go along with the season have become a part of today's culture.



Spirit abounds at HC -- (Cont.)

(1) LAST HOMECOMING TOGETHER--Some of the senior students gather for one final photo.

(2) PRESENTING THE QUEEN--Wanda Sloan ('86) crowns Cathy Anderson as 1987 Homecoming Queen.

(3) MEMBER OF THE COURT--Senior attendant Cecilia Rutledge poses with her escort Virgil Perkins.

(4) A WORRIED COACH--Junior Hazan Monk (12) and Coach Richard Gilliam watch as the Bulldogs romp in the rain for a Homecoming victory over West Blocton.

(5) NEWCOMERS--Junior Hassel Kromer, and freshmen Tanya Murray, Roger Hughes, and Tracie Cecil enjoy their first homecoming at MHS.

(6) LAST HOMECOMING GAME--Senior Bulldogs pose.

(7) GOOD TO BE BACK--Alumnus George Jackson ('86) enjoys a dance with sophomore LaFay Ford.

(8) MADAM PRESIDENT SMILES--Senior attendant and Council president Kara Childs smiles through it all.

(9) JUST SITTING 'ROUND--Sophomores Kim Gaddis, Tammy McKenzie, and Bonita Cottingham take a break from the hectic activities.

(10) SLOWING DOWN--Sophomore Angela Glazner and Eric Burrage (MHS '84) dance a "slow one."

(11) ??????--Junior DeWayne Bice and freshman Joyce Smith enjoy a romantic moment at the dance.

Spirit abounds during Homecoming Week

HOMEcoming WEEK allowed the entire student body to participate in various activities. Students and faculty worked together to make the week a success. Although the wind and rain pounded spectators and players at the football game, students did not allow the weather to dampen their spirits.

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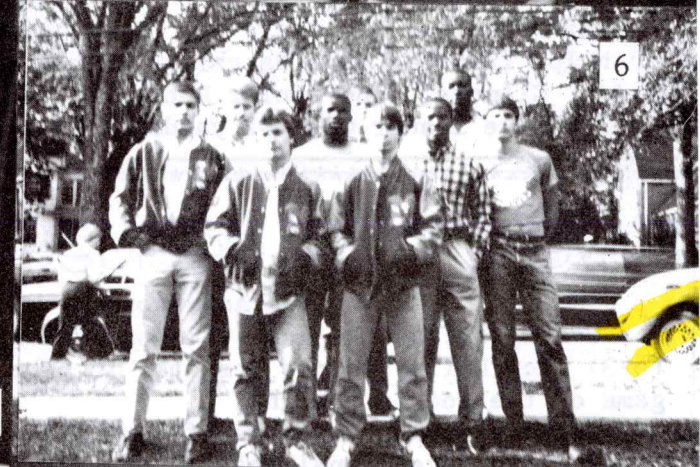


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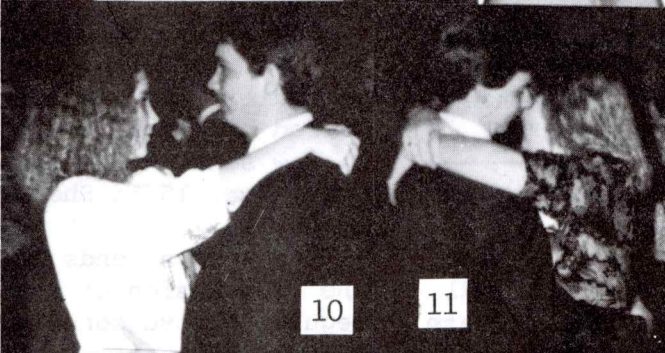
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Bulldogs blast larger school

by Charles DeVinner

Montevallo captured its first victory over 6A competition when the Bulldogs defeated John Carroll 20-6 in Birmingham Oct. 17. With the victory over the Cavaliers, the 'Dogs raised their record to 5-3.

The Bulldogs wasted little time getting on the board with senior Demetrius Paschel accounting for the first two touchdowns.

He scored on a 1-yd. run early in the first period and outran all pursuers later in the same quarter for a 48-yd. romp.

Senior Slade Blackwell also had a busy night. He kicked two field goals and a pair of PATs to help power the 'Dogs offensively.

Coach Richard Gilliam comments, "After I viewed the game film, I thought we had some of the best effort and execution of the year."

Senior Charles DeVinner led the team defensively, with help from McCord, Paschel, Blackwell, sophomore Derrick Gilmore, and senior Daniel Broadhead. Paschel was offensive leader with 92 yards on 10 carries.

Kelly, McCord hurt

Bad luck struck the 'Dogs late in the match when two key players sustained disabling injuries.

Senior wingback Danny Kelly suffered a sprained ankle which kept him out of most of the game.

Junior Eric McCord pulled ligaments in his right knee and is expected to be sidelined for the remainder of the season.

Archers start season early

by John Hardin

Bow hunting is a challenging and interesting sport, requiring much skill.

Hunters must practice frequently with a bow to be proficient. Much time must be spent to properly sight a bow.

Tree stands

Most bow hunters hunt from tree stands. The higher elevation increases his field of vision and decreases the deer's chance of seeing the hunter.

Proper camouflage is important in bow hunting. If a hunter is not properly camouflaged, his chances of seeing deer are limited.

Patience is also a very important factor. Most deer that are killed with a bow are within 20 yards of the hunter.

One chance

Hunters may have only one chance to shoot; therefore, they must pick all shots carefully.

Fifty-eight percent of all hunters bow hunt. They have hunter's choice--they may kill either sex of deer excepting for spotted fawns.

One unantlered deer may be taken per day in addition to one antlered buck per day.

Bow season for deer began Oct. 15 in Shelby County.

The season ends at the conclusion of the regular gun season.

Playoffs to be decided tonight

by Wes Anderson

Coming off a two-game winning streak, the Bulldogs (6-3) face Dallas County Hornets in the last regular game of the season tonight.

"Dallas County consists of many fine talented athletes with exceptional speed," remarks Coach Richard Gilliam. "Being an area game, this one serves as a big factor for state-playoff advancement."

The Hornets are currently 5-4. Their last two losses were identical 13-12 scores to area foes, Jamison and Shelby County.

"Suffering two one-point losses in a row hurts, but we have a good group of young men," says Hornet Coach Tom Genard. "I expect to have a close game with Montevallo because all four area teams are about even."

Coach, players to attend classic

Coach Bobby Pierson and seniors Charles DeVinner, Demetrius Paschel, Chris Sailes, and junior Eric McCord will attend the Magic City Classic which pits Alabama State against arch rival Alabama A&M at Legion Field Saturday.

Girls lose in sub-state play

by Amy Bice

Last Saturday, the Lady 'Dogs lost to Tallassee at home in the sub-state volleyball playoffs.

After winning the first game (15-12), the ladies were defeated (7-15), (14-16), (10-15) in the following matches.

In area play, they romped over the Jemison Panthers in two matches (15-3, 15-7), (15-0, 15-6). Letrece Gaddis, Yolanda Brazzell, Tena Niven, and Vicki Renfro were all named to the area team.

Coach Dot Bishop says, "In sub-state, the pressure was too much for our young team. However, they played excellent in the area tournament."

Thompson won the Shelby County Tournament, defeating Pelham in the finals.

Montevallo took third place in the meet held at Briarwood.

Following the tournament, junior Letrece Gaddis and freshman Yolanda Brazzell were named to the all-county team.

'Pups win 14-0

by Scott Haynie

Greg Cox scored on runs of 5 and 12 yards in the first half as the Bullpups ended their season with a 14-0 victory over Briarwood.

The 'Pups' strong defense stalled the Lions throughout the game.

"We grew up as a team and played as a team," says Coach Kenny Brown of his young charges. "I am proud of them."

Bulldogs romp over Tigers

by Charles DeVinner

Despite all the rain that fell at Fisher Stadium last Friday night, the Bulldogs managed a 20-0 homecoming victory over the Tigers of West Blocton.

Homecoming excitement, avenging last year's 34-26 loss to the Tigers, and the wet circumstances of the game all played a part in the 'Dogs' heroic effort.

After holding the Tigers on their opening possession, the 'Dogs mounted a 97-yd. drive which was capped when senior Deme-trius Paschel went over the top from one yard out and Slade Blackwell booted the PAT.

When the Tigers were forced to punt, the 'Dogs got the ball deep in their own territory. Paschel again received the call, racing 86 yards for his second touchdown. Blackwell kicked the PAT. Late in the first half, Blackwell added another TD on the option, and the scoring was done.

"Considering playing conditions, we played one of our better games," says Coach Richard Gilliam who praised Paschel (191 yds. rushing), Blackwell (defensive leader), and Daniel Broadhead (12 total tackles).

	Game stats	
	MHS	WBHS
1st downs	12	9
Yds rush	312	92
Passes	3-2-0	3-2-0
Yds pass	13	18
Fumb lost	1	2
Yds pen	38	0

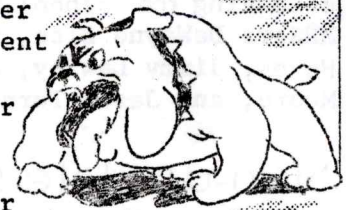
Bulldog Grows

Community spirit comes alive

by Charles DeVinner

Community involvement is evident as the Bulldogs continue winning.

Last week the City's volunteer fire department dusted off the "Bulldog Territory" sign and again installed it at Theron Fisher Stadium. The sign was first used three years ago to recognize the Bulldogs' 10-2 season. Thanks to the firemen, the sign is now located at the entrance of the stadium.



Brother Rick Evans, team chaplain, and his congregation at Enon Baptist Church invited the team for worship and lunch at Enon last Sunday. Brother Rick and his people spent a great deal of time and energy to show support and appreciation to the Bulldogs.

MHSers are also showing great spirit. Many students participated in getting the halls changed into an orange and blue "spirit band wagon" last week, and downtown stores are also recognizing the team's success with Bulldog logos in their windows.

The Bulldogs appreciate all this support and say "Thank you" to everyone for the support and dedication shown the team.

Students appreciate artists

Humanities teacher Ann Parker recently took her art class to visit "The Gallery" in the University of Montevallo's Bloch Hall. Students viewed a showing of William Christenberry's photographs and several models. They also saw some works of college students.

Recently pupils have completed 3-dimensional models of humans, simulated illustrations of children's books, and a gridding of a photograph or picture which was transferred onto a larger size of paper. The class will begin several new projects next week.

MHSers receive driver training

The Shelby County Department of Transportation held a bus driving school last week for potential drivers throughout the county.

Qualifications included an outstanding driving record and a valid Alabama driver's license.

Daily classes of four hours Monday through Wednesday, were followed by a road test.

Among the 48 students attending the school were MHSers DeWayne Bice, Dana Hayes, Jimmy Lawley, John Moore, and Jason Turner.

Sign-up date set

Applications are being accepted from girls ages 13-19 for the 1987 Miss Alabama USA Teen Pageant.

In addition to the state title, awards will be given in leadership, scholarship, friendship, and photogenic categories.

The Alabama pageant is held in Birmingham, with judging based on personality, poise, and school and community involvement.

For more information, contact SPOTLIGHT people Amy Bice or teacher Larry Haynes.

FFA begins fund drive

Montevallo FFA is now sponsoring its annual Christmas fruit sale to raise money for the FFA banquet. The sale began last Friday and will run through Nov. 10.

Members will be selling varieties of grapefruits, oranges, and apples, with their goal for sales at 1,000 cases.

FFA advisor Tony Berry remarks, "This is our biggest fund raiser for the shop as well as a community service because it is good fruit." Delivery date is Dec. 11.

El-Mid News

Schools hold yearly events

Montevallo Elementary School is having its annual Fun Fair today.

Students will be involved in activities such as dart balloon, ghost toss, spin-a-prize, and tic-tac-toss. Each ticket will cost 25¢.

Chairperson for the Fun Fair Melanie Watson says, "I always look forward to the event."

Montevallo Middle School is having its annual Fall Festival today.

Activities being sponsored include face painting, cake walk, disco dance, pitch-a-dish, and many other lively events.

The day climaxes with the crowning of Mr. and Miss MMS. Winners of the titles are determined by the amount of food sold by the contestants.

School secretary Jane Jones comments, "The annual event has always been successful. I'm sure this year's will be also."

Trainees start internship

Two student teachers from UM have joined the MHS faculty. Mr. Jimmie Parker is under the supervision of band director Jim Weese, and Mrs. Carolyn Nevin is teaching with chemistry/biology teacher Carol Czerw.

They will be at school until Dec. 12.

Mrs. Nevin already has a BA in Chinese with her minor in German; and next May, she will receive a BS in biology and be certified to teach general science.

"You can do anything you want to do if you want to badly enough," explains Mrs. Nevin.

While UM students take part at MHS, several MHSers are participating in the University's symphonic band.

Band director Jim Weese, senior Meg Perkins, and sophomores Betsy Weese and Angie Gerber played in the first concert of the season Oct. 16. Senior Elaine Spicer has recently joined the UM band also.



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SUPER TEACHER

Teacher of the year Dot Bishop shows a game plan to all-county volleyball team member Yolanda Brazzell.

As teacher of year

Bishop named for honor

Physical ed teacher Dot Bishop is Montevallo High School's 1986-87 teacher of the year. Nominated and voted on by the faculty, Ms. Bishop will now compete for county and state honors.

Since she joined the MHS faculty in the fall of 1972, Ms. Bishop has taught various classes including health, general science, and PE. During her tenure she has served as coach for the girls' volleyball, basketball, and track teams.

"I appreciate the teachers nominating me. It's really an honor," says Ms. Bishop.

Science teacher Carol Czerw was MHS's representative last year.

Seniors select Slade

Slade Blackwell was named president when seniors elected officers to plan class activities and prepare for graduation.

Although the class has a female majority, all offices will be filled by males. Along with Slade, Willie Goldsmith was selected vice president; Maia McClain, secretary; and Charles DeVinner, treasurer.

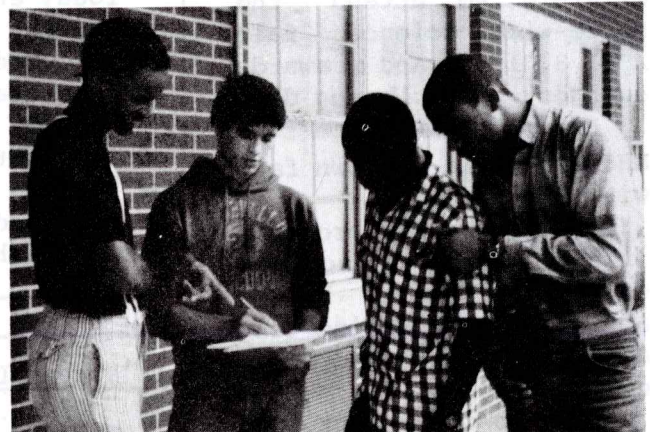
As president Blackwell will be in charge of all senior projects and class activities, as well as speaking at the 1986 graduation ceremonies.

Goldsmith will help with committees set up to take care of various activities while McClain and DeVinner will keep up with class records and funds.

Although the four were involved in time consuming activities this fall, all the officers earned an overall B average for the first six weeks. Slade and Charles played football, and Maia and Willie were Marching Troubadours.

All four are currently playing varsity basketball.

Faculty advisors for the senior class are Mr. Kenny Brown, Mrs. Ann Parker, and Mrs. Marcia Spivery.



PLANNING STRATEGY

Senior class president Slade Blackwell presents his ideas to other officers, Maia McClain, Charles DeVinner, and Willie Goldsmith.

Latecomers face detention hall

Beginning Monday, MHS will implement a new tardy system. The old system became ineffective in deterring excessive tardies according to Principal Norman Payne. "Last month alone, there were over fifty tardies," he explains. "The only thing we want is for everybody to get to school and their classes on time," he adds.

The new system will be patterned after the system Thompson High School has used for the past four years. It is regarded as best in the county.

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Latecomers face detention-- (Cont.)

Under the system, a student having acquired three tardies will be required to report to a detention hall for three days. Students in detention will not do homework and will sit in silence from 3:05 to 4 p.m.

Detention will meet three to four days a week and will be supervised by various teachers. If a student who has already served one detention receives a fourth tardy, he/she will be assigned three more days in detention hall. The process will start over each month, with the exception that repeaters start with six days detention instead of three. After receiving nine tardies in a semester, a student is subject to school suspension and parent conference.

Mr. Payne explains, "The new system will not affect all students since only 25 percent of the student body has received excessive tardies this year."

Science fair set

All MHS students will be eligible to attend the state-wide science fair Apr. 3, 1987, and an awards ceremony the following day.

Prior to the state fair, MHS will hold its own fair within the school.

Categories for projects include: biological sciences, chemical sciences, health and medicine, engineering and mathematics, and physical science.

Science department head Carol Czerw comments, "If a student is really interested and wants to enter the fair, now's the time to start."

Annual sales start

The 1986-87 yearbook went on sale Nov. 3-14 for \$15, without name, and \$17 with name. A \$3 deposit is required for purchase.

To add excitement to ordering yearbooks, the staff will draw one name from the orders of the first two weeks. The person whose name is drawn will receive a \$17 annual and his/her money back.

Grading ends

Today ends the second six weeks and begins the final grading period of the semester.

Report cards should arrive next Thursday, to be handed out on Friday at the end of the 7th period in homerooms.

It's News Downtown

Local business changes location

Kiddie Korner recently moved. It is now located on Main Street in the old Sherman - Holland Ford Building.

Proprietor Rose Turner, who also owns JeRoe's Deli, says, "The move will make it easier for me to take care of both businesses."

Six UM mass communications students, including Lori Weiss (MHS '85), will be involved in the production of Verne Miller.

Participants will gain

Teams look to tournament

All math teams will participate in the first of four tournaments, Dec. 6, at Vestavia Hills.

Montevallo will field four teams: Advanced Math, Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.

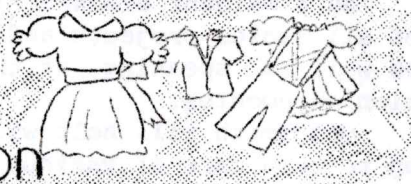
Geometry coach Johnye Horton states, "The members' performance thus far in class points toward a very good year."

Algebra I, II, and Advanced Math coach Doug Morris adds, "We have the potential to do well this year."

Scholars practice

Scholars' Bowl members have begun meeting weekly in preparation for tournaments next semester.

Coaches for the team this year will be English teachers Ann Parker and Larry Haynes.



internship and first-hand knowledge of filmmaking.

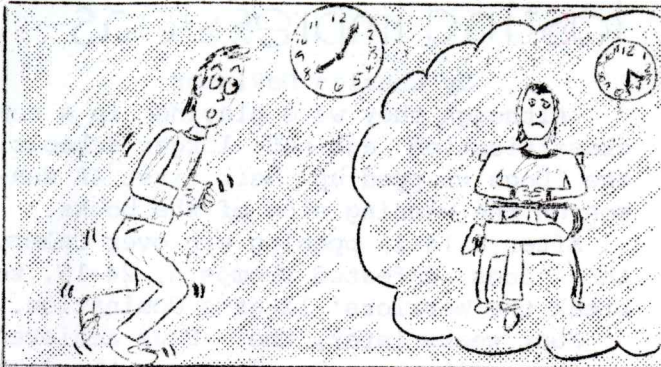
Students who would like to be extras in the film may contact the communications department.

Filming is scheduled to end Dec. 20.

Finalists in the Mr. and Miss UM selection are: Mr.-Shawn Cushen, Norman Darden, and Scott Grissett. Miss--Nancy Brindley, Trudi Graham, and Elaine Rogers.

Winners will be announced at College Night.

EDITORIALS



No time for latecomers

Tardy system revised

Lately, students' tardies have become a problem at MHS. For this reason, a new tardy system is being put in operation.

According to Principal Norman Payne, most of the tardies are made by the same people all the time; therefore, the tardy system needed to provide stiffer penalties for repeat offenders.

Mr. Payne hopes the new system, explained on page 1, will make students more concerned about arriving late to classes and/or homeroom. This, in turn, will decrease the number of tardies overall.

Since the program is more severe, students should keep their tardies to a minimum--or even better, have none.

Alumni come to rescue

Four people showed extreme loyalty to MHS as they helped the Marching Troubadours perform their last half-time show of the year. Scott Swann (MHS '86) and Cagle Rochester (MHS '82) completed the drumline along with seniors David Grimes and Willie Goldsmith.

Disciplinary actions, along with section leader Eric Rochester's back operation, left the band with only one bass drummer and no snare drum players.

After gaining Principal Norman Payne's permission, director Jim Weese approached Scott (presently a drum instructor at Chilton County High School), then received word from Cagle that he, too, would enjoy helping.

Saxophonists Willie and David offered their input, and Mr. Weese gratefully accepted.

We commend these four percussionists for their dedication to the band and MHS, made obvious through their hard work necessary to learn and memorize the music. It is truly admirable of them to help when the band needed them most. We extend a heartfelt "thank you."

Help is needed

Has anyone noticed how clean the school building is in the morning--and then noticed how dirty the same building is in the afternoon?

If the answer is yes, then you are not alone. As students at MHS, we should take pride in our school.

The maids Lula Bell and Willie May Moore do an excellent job of cleaning the school, and as students we should take pride in doing our part to help.

Services saluted

Although MHSers enjoyed Veterans Day as a holiday, we hope the true meaning of the day was not lost in "fun."

Veterans Day was set aside to honor our Armed Forces people and those who have given their lives for their country.

Celebrate holidays but always try to remember why the days are designated as "special."

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All students in the journalism class are staff members. These are: Wes Anderson, Amy Bice, Rina Burdett, Charles DeVinner, Tracy Duren, Michele Frederick, John Hardin, Tomi Harkins, Scott Haynie, Joy Holladay, Genie Lightfoot, DeWayne Meeks, Patty Schweitzer, Pam Shaw, Elaine Spicer, Barry Studdard, Lee Test, Jason Turner, and Sherry Yeager.

Faculty advisors are: Journalism teacher, Larry Haynes and business teacher Susie DeMent.



Success in '86 Bulldogs 6-4

Bulldog Growls

Bulldogs eager to begin

by Charles DeVinner

Basketball season is just around the corner, and the Bulldogs are anxiously awaiting the upcoming challenge of 4A competition.

Last year the 'Dogs pulled together and advanced two rounds in the State 3A playoffs held at Auburn University where they defeated second ranked Winfield 84-73.

The following night the 'Dogs lost championship hopes when they fell to eventual champion Tanner 62-79.

Basketball coach Bobby Pierson comments, "We are looking forward to the season which caps off the high school career of ten guys who have been around me since I came here."

The team consists of high school All-American candidate Tommy Bivins, Slade Blackwell, Charles DeVinner, Willie Goldsmith, Kelvin Harrell, Reggie Mann, Maia McClain, Eric McCord, John Moore, Demetrius Paschel, and Floyd Richardson.

Next week the Bulldogs travel to Calera where the Eagles are waiting to try to avenge last year's 73-74 loss to the 'Dogs.

Coach Pierson concludes, "With dedication and hard work, we will be a successful team."



'Dogs leave lasting impressions

by Charles DeVinner

Although they were playing in a new classification against larger schools, the 'Dogs wrapped up their first 4A season on the winning side of the books.

After a 14-13 opening win over Calera, the 'Dogs defeated Thompson, 24-15, to break the Warriors' 12-game domination.

Four weeks later, the 'Dogs achieved another milestone by downing the John Carroll Cavaliers 20-6. John Carroll was the first 6A opponent for the school.

Despite their failure to make state playoffs, the 'Dogs walloped area champion Jemison, 17-0, during the regular season.

UM student to coach track

A new member will join MHS's coaching staff during the second semester.

UM senior Kevin Handcock will coach boys' and girls' track replacing MHS teacher Robert Bellah who stepped down to do graduate work at UAB.

Coach Handcock is no stranger to many MHSers. He drives bus 84-11, and his wife teaches at Montevallo Elementary School.

Five lettermen return from last year's squad. They are: Greg Bush, Dana Hayes, Mike Mieure, Lindet Peoples, and Daniel Potter.

Weatherman smiles on deer hunters

Hunters, get the gun and warm clothing! Quail season (with a limit of 12 a day and 12 in possession) started Wednesday, and deer season opens tomorrow in Shelby County. Deer should be stirring tomorrow for the expected low is 33 degrees.

Only one buck with bare antlers above the natural hairline can be shot legally. Deer hunters are required to wear a vest with a minimum of 144 square inches of Hunter Orange or a full size Hunter Orange hat or cap. Hunter Orange makes the hunter more visible to other hunters but not to the "color blind" deer. (John Hardin)

Hornets dash playoff hopes

by Charles DeVinner

Dallas County Hornets put together big plays on both offense and defense to sting the Bulldogs 24-13 in the final game of the season. The 'Dogs closed out with a 6-4 record.

Dallas County drew first blood on a 7-yd. run by Everett Morrow in the opening period; and the Hornets scored again in the second quarter from one-yard out, making the count 12-0.

Montevallo answered in the second quarter when senior Charles DeVinner scooped up a Hornet fumble on his 46-yd. line and raced 54-yds. for a touchdown. Slade Blackwell booted the PAT.

18-7 at halftime

With only nine seconds left in the first half, the Hornets scored on a misdirection play for an 18-7 halftime lead.

Montevallo began the second half holding the Hornets on offense and moving the ball up the field.

Kelly scores

Senior Danny Kelly put 6 more points on the board for the Bulldogs on a 4-yd. run to complete the scoring for the 'Dogs.

Dallas scored again on a 34-yd. pass to snatch away any victory hopes from the Bulldogs.

Players hurt

"They were well prepared and we were thin at positions," comments Coach Richard Gilliam.

"The absence of some of our key players led us to alter the chemistry of the team and led us to costly mistakes," Coach adds.

Players who caught the Coach's eye were Wes Anderson, Blackwell, Jerry Brasher, DeVinner, and Michael Kimbrell.

Blackwell led the defense with 12 individual tackles, while DeVinner was offensive leader with 104 yards in 18 carries.

Game stats

	MHS	DCHS
Total yds.	191	261
Passing	1-1-0	9-3-0
Pass. yds.	36	45
Yds. Penalty	60	45

Key men out

The 'Dogs played the Hornets without several of their starters, including fullback Demetrius Paschel who reinjured his right ankle.

Early in the final period, junior Wes Anderson was forced from action after he sustained a crushed knuckle.

Seniors Chris Bomar and Chris Sailes both obtained shoulder injuries which limited their play.

Lady cagers open on road

Girls basketball will begin Nov. 25 under new head coach Johnye Horton.

The ladies will travel to Shelby County and play prior to the boys' game.

Twelve members with two alternates make up the girls' team. All five of the starters (Letrece Gaddis, Sonia Connell, Dana Hayes, Meg Perkins, and Tena Nivens) are returning from last year's team.

MHSer ('83) Ruth Perkins is helping as student assistant coach.

"With the experience of the starters, the team has a chance to be good," comments Coach Horton.

Girls to play softball

Girls slow-pitch softball will soon become a team sport at MHS. During the week of Nov. 17, Coach Dot Bishop will meet with students wishing to try out for the sport.

Schools with which MHS will compete include Chelsea, Childersburg, Homewood, and Pelham.

Coach Bishop says, "I'm really looking forward to starting the new sporting event at MHS."

Rivals reschedule matches

by Scott Haynie

Opening night for MHS basketball had to be moved from Nov. 14 to Nov. 21 because of state football dates. Both West Blocton (Nov. 14) and Billingsley (Nov. 18) postponed matches with the 'Dogs due to their school's participation in the state playoffs.

Since both postponed dates were home games for Montevallo, the first home game will be Dec. 12 when the Thompson Warriors visit. The Bulldogs will travel to Calera Nov. 21 for the opening game of the season.

Seniors prepare for future

by Rina Burdett

This fall, if most MHS seniors get their preference, they will be wearing orange and blue, crimson and white, or purple and gold on campus. According to the response at College Day, Nov. 4, Auburn University, University of Alabama, and University of Montevallo were top choices for future education for MHS seniors.

In the opening session of the College Day, directed by guidance counselor Colleen Colley, Mr. Darold Dunlavy from Auburn University of Montgomery gave students a foolproof formula for selecting a college. He says,

1. Make sure you are happy at the college.
2. See if you can afford it.
3. Find a college with your choice of study.
4. Make sure you will be accepted.

During the day, students attended three sessions with representatives from the colleges they selected. In these sessions they discussed topics such as entrance requirements, financial aid, academic programs, approximate costs, and tour times.

At the end of the day, students reported to the auditorium to discuss information they had received during the sessions.

Seniors voiced different opinions. Senior Staci Hayes remarks, "I wish there had been more out-of-state colleges represented."

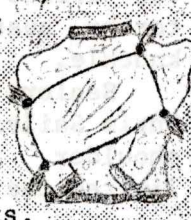
Sheila Readal states, "This year's College Day was better than last year's at the University of Montevallo, especially because of the group session. This time it really made me think about my future."

Home ec students stay busy

Students in advanced home ec are making rag sweaters and pillows.

With the class having over 25 students, each girl has her own responsibility. "We have all stayed very busy," says teacher Rose Ellen Hankins.

After they finish their current projects, on Nov. 21, the class will design Laura Ashley dresses and make sweat suits. "I'm really looking forward to making a dress," says junior Jeanise Motes.



Phys ed classes learn 'basic' skills

Phys ed teachers are currently instructing students in a variety of physical activities. Miss Dot Bishop leads her classes through football and the Jane Fonda workout film, which emphasizes the fundamentals of stretching and exercising.

Football coach Richard Gilliam guides his class through proper weightlifting training, while basketball coach Bobby Pierson teaches the basketball skills for proper dribbling and shooting.

Juniors start second drive

In order to raise additional money for the 1987 Junior - Senior Prom, the juniors have started a candy sale.

The sale, which began Nov. 3, will end next week. Students may order now and pay on delivery in early December.

Three types of chocolate candy and popcorn will be sold for \$2.50. The three top salesmen will each receive a case of M&M's.

"It's a shame we have to resort to two or three campaigns to raise money. We hope to get \$200 to \$300 from this project," says junior sponsor Barbara Belisle.

Groups study election process

Senior government students are currently studying National and State Political Parties.

"It came at a good time because of the recent elections," states teacher Kenny Brown.

For their next unit the class will study the issues of the executive branch of the government and the powers of the President.

Pamphlets printed

Mrs. Marcia Spivery's junior and senior English classes are currently working on drug prevention and health education pamphlets.

Information will be printed by computers and be made available to students of all ages.



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ONE MORE TIME

Juniors Stann Mahan and Jonathan Carter practice their roles in The Plight before Christmas.

Group to perform play

Drama Club members will present the annual Christmas play Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the MHS auditorium. The play, The Plight before Christmas, by Fred J. Cusick, is about a woman who is about to lose her boarding house during the Christmas season.

Main characters of the production are Ebenezer Humbug and Felicity Fuzziwig, played by Jonathan Carter and Stann Mahan.

Other characters are: Cheyenne, Mandy Fowler; Bob Scratchit, Paul Brown; "Slim" Dickens, Ralph Burke; Aunt Fuzziwig, Leah Baker; Mysterious Boarder, Jay Edwards; and Decker Hall, Reggie Mann.

Other students will portray a bartender, saloon girls, drunks and card players.

The club will present a preview of the play during school, and tickets for the performance will be on sale at the door. Prices are \$1, students; \$1.50, non-students.

On Dec. 8, seniors Bert Lott, Elise Stewart and junior Dean Alexander will present The Bear, in competition at Tarrant City High School.

Teacher Barbara Belisle will direct both plays.

62 earn excellent grades

Twelve MHSers earned all A's for the second grading period. The sophomores had six on the top list. They are Kara Child, Randy Johnson, Lisa Lawley, Rhonda Murray, Marsha Tryon, and Sherry Yeager.

Three freshmen and three juniors were also on the roll. They are freshmen Glenda Lawley, Tracey McElroy, and Britt Blake, and juniors Lisa Burks, Audra Clark, and Wanda Sloan. None of the seniors made the list.

Fifty other MHSers were listed on the A-B honor roll which is composed of 13 seniors, 16 juniors, 14 sophomores, and 7 freshmen.

School improves wood floors

Yesterday, maintenance technician Danny Akers, Principal Norman Payne and basketball coach Bobby Pierson began work on refinishing the gym and auditorium floors.

The project, which will cost approximately \$550 to complete, will require four days' work according to Mr. Akers.

The workers will screen the floor to remove the old dirt and sealant. Then they will apply two new coats of sealant. "After two coats, the floors will look like glass," comments Mr. Payne.

The improvements are underway to be ready for completion as home basketball games begin.

Activities set

Upcoming events at MHS are:

- Dec. 13--Christmas play
- 17--Band's Christmas concert
- 19, 20, 21--Semester exams
- 21--Semester ends
- 24--Christmas holidays begin
- Jan. 7--Teachers work day
- 8--School re-opens for students

'Montala' moves to spring

This year the MONTALA is undergoing various changes. The largest is that beginning with this year, it will be a "spring" book. In the past, the yearbook was delivered in the fall of the next year rather than being available the year it was produced.

Spring sports, awards day, graduation and the junior-senior prom will not be in this year's book, but will be included in the 1986 MONTALA. The new book will also feature more world events, such as the '84 Olympics and Indira Ghandi's death.

One reason for the change to a spring issue says sponsor Heidi Ross is because a fall issue is so much more costly, since the printing company must maintain a summer staff. She adds that many graduates complain that they have difficulty getting their yearbooks due to marrying and moving away. So the spring books which will arrive for distribution in May will be a convenience to them.

Ag department holds show

On Nov. 17, MHS's ag department hosted its second annual FFA invitational steer show. Five MHS students' steers placed in their classes. Senior Bob Peete's Gremlin received 3rd, junior Paul Brown's Jimbo and sophomore Wayne Cofer's Rex both earned 4th, and senior Mike Martin's Gizmo and Timmy Nash's Red placed 6th.

The Grand Champion was a steer owned by Chris Watson, an FFA member from Lincoln High School. Tracy Patterson of the Jefferson County 4-H claimed the Reserve Champion award with his animal. These top winners were each awarded silver belt buckles which are valued at \$90 apiece.

There was also a special showmanship class for parents, 4-H leaders and FFA advisers. Ag instructor Tony Berry commented about the class, "It was very different and entertaining."

Mr. Tommy Maples, an Auburn graduate who worked with UA's livestock judging team, was judge for the show.

Group to develop potential

Several people will be attending a special science workshop at the University of Montevallo today. Five students from each school in Shelby County are allowed to participate in this Minority Achievement Program.

Seniors Lisa DeVinner, Belinda Tripp and Sheila Tripp and juniors George Jackson and Ray Rutledge will represent MHS.

The program is underwritten by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation to expand the educational development of minority students and to help them realize their human intellectual potential to the fullest extents.

NHS helps tutor students

According to Principal Norman Payne, MHS students needing help in an academic subject will be provided a tutor for the remainder of the semester.

National Honor Society members will act as the tutors and will help students in a variety of subjects. Classes will meet every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m., in Mrs. Barbara Belisle's and Mrs. Ann Parker's classrooms.

There are currently six MHSers enrolled in the program which began Wednesday night.

Jump assists

Students statewide were jumping to raise funds for the American Heart Association recently. Maximum jumping time was three hours for each person.

The exercise was designed to help fight heart disease and strokes. Jumpers raised funds through pledges from sponsors.

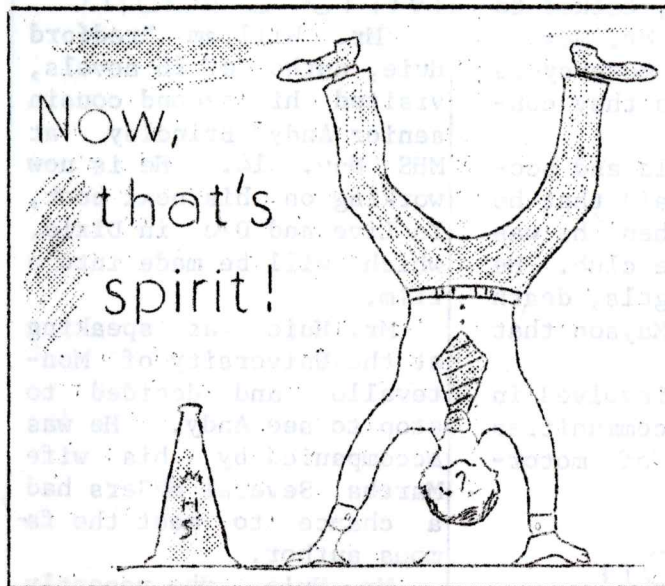
MHS participants collected \$242.50. Prizes will be given to jumpers later says teacher Dot Bishop.

Club supports MS

Members of the National Honor Society will hold an in-school Multiple Sclerosis drive next week, Dec. 3-5. All contributions will go toward supporting MS research, patient services, and public education.

Club sponsor is Mrs. Colleen Colley. Chairman for the drive is senior Scarlett Harrison.

EDITORIALS



Principal shows pride

Willing, easy to please, always cooperative, understanding, one-of-a-kind are a few words which describe our unique principal Mr. Norman Payne. He is always doing something to show school spirit. If he is not turning flips at pep rallies, he is getting his face painted for the ball games.

At each sock hop after the games he is there enjoying himself and keeping things in order. He has a big heart that's open for every student. He cares about our school. We appreciate him because he is willing to give his time to any problems that may occur at MHS.

Mr. Payne has a big responsibility; but whenever things get tough, he just gets tougher.

The warm smiles he gives as people pass him in the hall are something to look forward to as are his unusual displays of Bulldog spirit.

Mr. Payne adds a "touch of class" to Montevallo High School.

Team earns praise, honor

Although the Bulldogs are not 3A state champions as we had hoped, they are still winners to all of us at Montevallo High. When the guys look back on this football season, they should remember they have accomplished more than any football team at MHS. (The 1960 team was declared state champions by the news media before the current playoff system was designed.)

The Bulldogs advanced to the quarter-finals this season, making them only two rounds from the title.

Even though the scoreboard read a 10-8 defeat last week, the 'Dogs had a moral victory. The whole community was behind them throughout the season.

Although things looked rough earlier in the season, the "Orange Crush" stuck together and became a real contender for the state title. Through their hard work and dedication, the team has made it an honor to say, "I am a Montevallo Bulldog."

Board adds extra escape

With the beginning of basketball season, Montevallo's new fire escape provides added access and exit from the gymnasium. The new fire escape is a safety measure provided the school by Shelby County Board of Education.

This addition has done much to increase the chances of survival if some disaster struck the crowded building. Bulldog students and fans thank the Board for making our gym a safer place.

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Hell's angel shares life

Mr. Barry Mayson, ex-Hell's Angel member, talked to Coach Richard Gilliam's classes Nov. 13. Mr. Mayson showed slides of the different patches of motorcycle clubs. "If the patches have wings, this means they consider themselves angels," he noted.

He also showed slides of the Hell's Angels and people that are associated with the group. He said that he changed his mind about the Hell's Angels when he was sent out to kill members of another motorcycle club. He explained that once you are in the Hell's Angels, death is the only way out. The FBI informed Mr. Mayson that Hell's Angels have a contract out on him.

Since leaving the group, he has become involved in religious work. He now travels to different communities throughout the nation telling about the evils of motorcycle gangs and preaching Christianity.

FFA attends convention

Over 18,000 FFA members dressed in blue and gold jackets converged on the FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., recently. Five MHSers and teacher Tony Berry participated in the event.

Speakers at the convention included Eddie Albert, Pat Summerall and Sen. Robert Doyle. Mr. Charles Plaum, a POW veteran, was the featured speaker at a special banquet they attended.

On the trip they visited the Real McCoy Cattle Ranch in Oklahoma, where the cattle are embryo transplanted. They also saw the American Royal Livestock Yards in Kansas City.

Lonnie Russell Ford provided the van for the trip.



Biology students gather twigs

As leaves fall exposing bare branches, three biology classes are exploring in yards, woods, and nurseries in search of 25 varieties of twigs.

"The purpose of this collection is to be able to recognize things that you see every day but never know what they are," says instructor Carol Czerw.

Each 2-year growth-span specimen must be mounted with the common name labeled in some way. The project is due Dec. 14.

School receives new wheels

Drivers Ed students are now driving a new sky-blue Bonneville. Coach Bobby Pierson is their teacher.

Leach Pontiac supplied the car which has navy blue interior and is equipped with electronic tuned AM-FM stereo, air conditioner, heater and a V6 cylinder motor.

Author visits MHS cousin

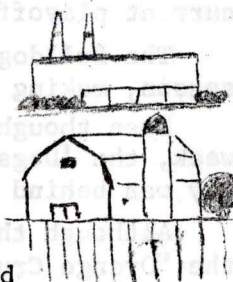
Mr. William Bradford Huie, author of 26 novels, visited his second cousin senior Andy Brindley at MHS Nov. 14. He is now working on his next book, To Live and Die in Dixie, which will be made into a film.

Mr. Huie was speaking at the University of Montevallo and decided to stop to see Andy. He was accompanied by his wife Martha. Several MHSers had a chance to meet the famous author.

Mr. Huie, who recently moved to Scottsboro, grew up in Hartsell, Ala. Mention of his works is included in the Alabama history course required for freshmen.

Chapter notes national week

During Farm-Cities Week which was observed throughout the nation, Nov. 16-22, MHS's FFA



helped spread the word about the importance of agriculture.

The chapter's 2nd annual steer show also fell on this week.

The theme used for the week's celebration was "Farm and City--Partners in Progress." This week which is nationally sponsored by the Kiwanis Club with a cooperative effort with youth groups, salutes America's largest industry, agriculture.

Month brings holidays

by Laura Arnold

Tomorrow is the beginning of the year's twelfth month--December. This month holds the year's most popular event and ends the year. The first part of its name, decem, means ten in Latin. Because of the ancient Roman calendar, it was the tenth month. Originally, December had 29 days, but Julius Caesar added two extra days making it one of the largest months.



Today, Christmas is the main holiday celebrated in December. It is observed throughout the world. Christians celebrate Dec. 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ, and its color and good feeling add good will throughout the month. In addition, classes are held only two or three weeks in December making this a popular time with students.

Several other holidays are also in this month. New Year's Eve is a special time for parties. They begin on the last day of December and extend into the New Year.

In New England, Dec. 21 is known as Forefather's Day, in honor of the Pilgrims' landing in Plymouth on Dec. 21, 1620. The Feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated in European Countries on Dec. 6. Other holidays include the Feast of St. Stephen, Dec. 26; the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 27; and Holy Innocents Day, Dec. 28.

(by Laura Arnold)

UM offers unusual class

Nine MHSers are participating in a special Spanish II course at the University of Montevallo.

Their classroom has no desks, no books; and pens and pencils aren't needed.

Instead, there are comfortable chairs, a couch, and most of the work consists of oral exercises. The class is taught by Marinela Vellarrel, a UM senior.

As an extra-curricular activity, students will take a trip to Mexico during spring break.

At the end of the first semester, a final test to the group and those who pass will be eligible to take Spanish on a college level next semester.

The fee for the course is \$20 per month.

Longest, shortest labels identified at MHS

by Cynthia Pickett

Of what does everyone in the world have at least one? A name, of course!

When a child is born, one of the first things he is given by his parents is his name. Webster defines a name as "A word or combination of words by which a person or thing is regularly known." At MHS, sophomore Catherine Elizabeth Anderson and junior Tyhease Cheyvonne Shamburger share the honor of having the longest names. Each carries a name with 26 letters although they are known as "Cathy" and "Tyhease."

Sophomores Christopher Andrew Bomar and Frederick Dwayne Tolbert tie in the male division with their 22-letter names. As Chris and Fred, they are recognized by much shorter labels.

Senior Tim Nash and freshman Lee Test have shortest MHS names--7 letters. Sophomore James Acker has the honor of being the first person on the school's roll, while junior Veronica Young is listed last.

Although no one at this school has a last name beginning with Q, U, X, or Z, freshman James Ison is the only "I" person recorded in the school's directory.

The most common names, first or middle, are Lee for the guys and Lynn for the girls, although spellings vary. At Montevallo High, no two names are the same. There are over 400 name combinations.

Tigers end Bulldogs' season

by Trey Hughes

Hopes of a state championship for the 1984 football team were demolished last Friday night as the Bulldogs fell to the Randolph County Tigers 10-8 in the quarter-finals of the state playoff tournament. In their final possession and trailing 10-8, the 'Dogs drove 37 yards in 6 plays only to fall short on a 27-yd. field goal attempt, thus ending the season for the 7-6 Bulldogs.

After a scoreless first half, the Tigers cracked the scoreboard first when quarterback Stanley Bass hit Doug Andrews on a 43-yd. touchdown pass. Pat Prestridge's PAT attempt was good, and the Tigers were up 7-0 with 8:45 left in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs struck back quickly when senior full-back Anthony Prentice capped a 56-yd. drive with a 4-yd. touchdown romp. Rick Gaddis ran the two-point conversion, and the 'Dogs went ahead 8-7 with 6:07 left in the third period. Prestridge came on with 1:19 remaining in the third quarter and booted a 24-yd. field goal to put the Tigers ahead to stay.

Offensively, the Bulldog rushing attack was led by Prentice's 104 yards on 24 carries. Tailback Andy Chism chipped in 38 yards on 8 carries. Quarterback Rick Gaddis completed 4 of 12 passes for 46 yards.

Defensively, Prentice led the 'Dogs again. He was followed by seniors Quinten Chism and Lonnie Layton.

Bulldog Growls

Hall gives spiritual guidance

by Andy Brindley

Friday afternoons were a time of preparation for the football team as we tried to ready ourselves in many ways for the night's opponent. A break from the thoughts of the impending game came during the 30-minute team meditation period. This time designed for spiritual guidance was enhanced by the leadership of Pastor David Hall of Montevallo Church of Christ, located on Vine Street.

Brother Hall, a West Blocton graduate, was contacted by Coach Bobby Pierson, a member of his congregation, about delivering the devotion. Brother Hall agreed to perform the service and got behind the team in the process. His messages always made a good point and were appreciated by the team as a whole.

New basketball goal bought

The school recently purchased a new basketball goal from Metro Basketball Goals for \$578. Teams will alternate using it for practice in the auditorium.

Plans are being made to mark off the auditorium into a half-court basketball floor.



Lady squad faces SCHS

Tonight the Lady Bulldogs travel to Columbiana to play the Shelby County Wildcats at 5 p.m.

Both teams have new coaches this year. Mr. James Lawshee leads the 'Cats while MHS volleyball coach Dot Bishop directs the Bulldogs.

The Lady Wildcats will try to get on a winning note after suffering a 41-18 loss to Sylacauga last week.

On Monday afternoon at 4:45 in the Susie Dement Gym, the Lady Bulldogs will seek to avenge an earlier 57-17 loss to Jemison.

The Lady Bulldogs will try to cage the Panthers in the season's only rematch.

Shelby awaits Bulldog teams

Tonight kicks-off the Bulldogs' 1984-85 roundball season when they travel to Columbiana to face the Shelby County Wildcats.

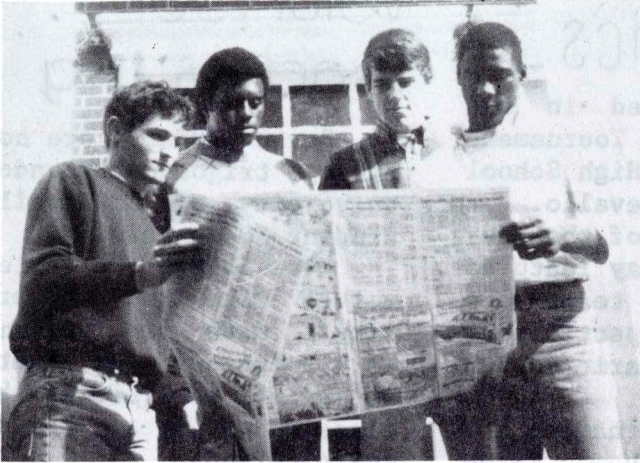
Coach Bobby Pierson sees the first matchup of his 'Dogs as "a feeling-out game" since it is the first one for both schools because of football playoff participation.

B team 'Dogs will play before the varsity.

MHS's junior varsity fell Tuesday night to the junior 'Cats 46-19.

The first home game for the 'Dogs is next Tuesday when Vincent comes to MHS.

Area play begins next Friday when the Bulldogs travel to Briarwood.



STARS CHECK STORIES

Players cited for performances in state playoff action are Trey Hughes, Ricky Gaddis, Norman Payne and Anthony Prentice.

Players receive honors

While in the state playoffs, the Bulldogs received special attention from the media. Four players were recognized for their individual performances, and Coach Richard Gilliam received Coach-of-the-Week honors twice from The Birmingham News.

After the West Blocton game, Norman Payne was recognized by the News as defensive lineman of the week and Trey Hughes was cited by the Shelby County Reporter as offensive back of the week.

Rick Gaddis earned back of the week honors from the Reporter for his performance in the Oneonta game, while Anthony Prentice received the award twice,

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'Dogs whip 2 to advance to quarter-finals

by Trey Hughes and Andy Brindley

With a mixture of total offensive control and tenacious defensive play, the Bulldogs defeated Oak Grove 46-20, Nov. 16 in the second round of state play. A week earlier, they had eliminated the state's No. 1 favorite, Oneonta. The victory over Oak Grove enabled the 'Dogs to become the first MHS team to advance further than the second round of state playoffs.

Prentice romps, scores five times

Senior fullback Anthony Prentice, leading all scorers with five TD's, rushed for 116 yards in 15 carries. In just 9 carries, senior tailback Andy Chism led the 'Dogs in rushing with 123 yards, 51 of which went for a touchdown run in the second quarter. Senior quarterback Rick Gaddis completed 4 of 5 passes for 84 yards and rushed for 26 in 5 carries. On his only carry for the night, senior tailback Antonio Devould added 6 points on a 48-yd. touchdown run in the third quarter.

The "Orange Crush" defense was led by senior end Freeman Rutledge; with 9 solo tackles and 2 sacks. As linebacker, Prentice sacked up 6 solos and 2 assists; Chism grabbed 5 solos and 3 assists.

Oneonta falls to 'Dogs

"How 'bout them 'Dogs" was a common phrase around Montevallo after the Bulldogs topped No. 1 ranked Oneonta 18-7 in the first round of the playoffs.

The first quarter featured a 15-yd. run by Prentice who would not be denied the score as he hurdled the last defender at the five-yard line. The touchdown capped a 31-yd. Bulldog drive, set up by Slade Blackwell's fumble recovery.

Goal line defense

The second quarter showcased the Montevallo defense as the Redskins drove to the 'Dogs' one-foot line before being turned away by the stingy goal line defenders.

The Bulldogs came out cooking in the third period as Gaddis crossed Oneonta's goal line twice within 50 seconds. The first touchdown was a 12-yd. sprint, and the second an 11-yd. burst up the middle.

Oneonta's Lamonde Russell scored a late touchdown for the 'Skins on a 53-yd. run, but they failed to narrow the margin any further as MHS moved up in state play. The loss was only the second of the season for the Redskins.

MHS, UM host Olympics

Wednesday and Thursday 51 teams competed in the Alabama Special Olympics State Volleyball Tournament in the Susie DeMent Gymnasium at Montevallo High School and in Myrick Hall at the University of Montevallo.

Wednesday featured the teams consisting of the Educable Mentally Retarded (EMR), while Thursday featured the Trainable Mentally Retarded (TMR). The teams were divided into different age groups and every participant received a medal. State Program Director Marie Jordan headed the event.

MHS students who competed in the tournament are Tony Beasley, Daryl Brown, Timothy Cottingham, Karen DeVould, John Dukes, Donna Gentry, Eric McCary, Tommy Ray, Kelly Speakman, and Veronica Grayson.

Boosters help with travel

Expenses for the Bulldogs' road trip to Oneonta for the first round of State play were funded by the Montevallo Athletic Booster Club and partially paid from the total received from admissions at the gate.

The MHS athletic department received \$1.40 per mile from gate receipts to pay for the team's bus ride to and from Oneonta. The Boosters provided money for the remainder of the bill for the chartered bus and the pregame meal.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association and the two opposing teams each receive one third of the total gate after officials and mileage money are paid.

PTO sponsors 'war' paint

Many MHSers showed their spirit at the Oak Grove game Friday night by wearing school insignias on their faces. The PTO charged 50¢ for each design.

About 20 parents were involved in the fundraiser.

Orange and blue balloons and raffle tickets for a nutcracker doll (worth \$95) were also sold at the game.

The profit from these projects will be put into a fund to be divided between the three schools at the end of the year according to Mrs. Sharon Anderson.

Players receive honors -- (Cont.)

once from the Reporter for his performance in the Briarwood game and once from the News for his performance in the Oak Grove game in the State playoffs.

After the Oneonta victory, the Bulldogs were named Team of the Week by both TV Chanel 13 and 95 Rock radio station, as well as the Shelby County Reporter. Representatives of all three groups came to the school to present trophies and/or awards to the Bulldogs and the coaches.

Volunteer teaches trig

Seven MHSers are now taking trigonometry under University of Montevallo student Susan Paisley.

Even though she is involved with the University's math program, she is a volunteer and gets no pay for instructing the class which meets during third period.

Because of scheduling, MHS math instructors Doug Morris and Johnny Horton had no way of teaching the class.

Counselor Colleen Colley explained that having two classes at the same time which was the only other possibility makes it hard for the teacher to have any one-on-one time with pupils. She adds that Miss Paisley may teach the course next semester also.

Students compose in poetry study

"It's a way I give my students to express themselves," says Mrs. Barbara Belisle concerning her 11th graders as they write poetry in English classes.

Students were required to write poems in four different styles of writing after studying poetry by famous American writers.

They will be Published in a booklet entitled Serendipity. Several will also be entered in the Shelby County creative writing contest.

Types assigned included haiku, lyric, cinquains and original poems.



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Lisa captures crown

MONTEVALLO DOES IT AGAIN! Just three years ago MHSer Susan Hardin ('84) won the Shelby County Junior Miss title. This year Lisa Lawley takes the honor.

In January, Lisa will compete in the state pageant at the Montgomery Civic Center. Competition starts Friday, Jan. 16 and goes through Saturday night. To prepare for the event, Lisa will go to Montgomery on Jan. 10 and stay with her host family.

As county winner, Lisa received full tuition scholarships to Huntingdon, Judson, Livingston, and Troy State Universities. She also won a \$1,200 scholarship to use at the college of her choice.

In state competition Lisa will be scored on interview, scholastic achievement, physical fitness, poise and appearance, and talent. As in the county contest, she will play Greig's Concerto in A Minor for her talent.

"Winning was great--and a huge surprise, but just getting to compete and make new friends was the best part," Lisa comments.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Junior Miss Lisa Lawley practices for upcoming state competition.



GET THOSE LINES RIGHT!

Actors Eric Bearden, Karen MacPherson, Britt Blake, and Tanya Rovelstad rehearse for TOO MUCH CHRISTMAS.

Club readies for opening

Drama students are presently rehearsing, making props, and arranging the set as they prepare for the Christmas production TOO MUCH CHRISTMAS.

Cast members are making many repairs and changes to make the stage appropriate for the play.

The show, a comedy about a young family at Christmas, will begin at 8:15, Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Cast members are Eric Bearden, Britt Blake, Lisa Lawley, Genie Lightfoot, Karen MacPherson, Mike Mieure, Steve Milstead, and Tanya Rovelstad.

Joins national group

Student Council moves ahead

For the first time in the history of the school, MHS's Student Council has joined the United Student Councils of America. The organization has been sending information to Council officers urging them to join. After weeks of consideration and gathering information from neighboring schools, the SC decided to join the group.

USCA consists of about thirty area schools, including Shelby County, Chelsea, and Vincent. Purposes of USCA are exchanging ideas, supporting nationwide projects, and publication of a newsletter.

Representatives from MHS council will attend a conference at Chelsea next April. USCA also conducts a summer workshop in July for newly elected officers.

MHS Student Council president Kara Child says, "We hope that by becoming members of this organization, we can work to reach our potential by learning from other Student Councils."

Students can win \$10,000

To celebrate the Bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution, USA TODAY, Gannett Co., Inc., the American Bar Association, and the Commission on the Bicentennial are co-sponsoring a National Writing Competition for high school students during the 1986-87 school year.

The topic selected for the competition is The Constitution: How Does the Separation of Powers Help Make It Work?

Deadline for entries is Apr. 15, 1987. The national winner will receive \$10,000. For more information, see any English or Social Studies teacher.

Contest announced

The National Honor Society will sponsor MHS's annual door-decorating contest. Judges will be teachers and NHS members.

Events bring change

Today MHSers will be treated to a special activity schedule.

Free-Fare will perform at 9:30 and there will be a pep rally 7th period to "round up" spirit for the Thompson game tonight.

Math teams place second

Approximately 1,000 students from 56 schools in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia participated in the Vestavia Hills High School math competition.

Montevallo teams competed in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Advanced Math.

Both the geometry and Algebra II teams received 2nd place awards in Division II. Members of the winning geometry teams were juniors Britt Blake, Steve Milstead, Karen MacPherson, and Tonya Rovelstad.

"I was real pleased with my geometry team's first tournament performance," says teacher Johnye Horton.

The Algebra II team had 8th grader Jason Hughes and freshmen Jill Lawley, Jamie Roberts, and Renee Robinson. Hughes also won a 2nd place award in geometry.

It's News Downtown

PTO tree lighting highlights parade

Excitement filled the air last Friday as Montevallo's PTO members lit the traditional tree at the end of the Christmas parade.

Besides the tree there are decorations on the light posts and some of the stores downtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Corky Bice, parents of senior Amy Bice furnished the tree.

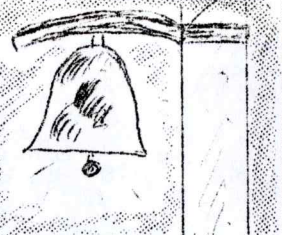
Mayor Ralph Sears announced Wednesday that he is seeking students who are interested in beautifying Montevallo.

Anyone who is interested in helping clean up the city should call or visit Mayor Sears at City Hall.

City Council members are presently working on a beautification project for the Montevallo area.

They intend to plant shrubbery by the roadways and the viaduct to prevent the dirt from washing away.

Several other renovation projects are also underway in the city.





Editorials

Studying stressed

SEMESTER EXAMS are coming up just two weeks after the Christmas holidays.

We encourage students to start the new year off right and be prepared for a busy week of testing.

Keeping up with assignments, re-viewing, and studying past material are positive steps toward a good test performance.

Make a New Year's resolution to keep up with future assignments.

Study hard next week and have a safe and happy holiday season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'Real' gifts are priceless

AS I THINK OF CHRISTMAS and what makes it so special, I can come up with a pretty long list of special reasons and memories for this beautiful season.

When I was a teenager, I remember being excited about the two-week vacation, the Christmas parties, the special cookies and goodies, the anticipation and thrill of Christmas morning when packages were opened.

So much of what made it special seemed to be the wonderful things that were done for me, not by me, though. Maybe you, too, recall Christmases that have been that way. Let me suggest a way you can really make this Christmas and future ones more special. Try to think of new ways you can give of yourself to others--especially your family.

Some of you will be fortunate enough to pick up some extra work to help you purchase gifts for "under the tree." All of you will be able to give gifts though regardless of your financial situation--just remember that things of real value don't always come in packages. Think of ways you can give of your time and energy to some special projects around your home, neighborhood, and church. All kinds of possibilities await your personal touch.

Also attend Christmas services at the church of your choice with the people you love and thank the Lord for the most precious gift of all--Christ the Savior.

MERRY CHRISTMAS with special love to all,

Principal Norman Payne
and family



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Students to visit nursing home

CONTINUING A TRADITION OF SEVERAL YEARS, FHA members will present a program for the elderly at Briarcliff Nursing Home next Tuesday. Participating students will sing carols and present gifts to sponsored residents whose birthdays are in December.

Students will also give Christmas cards to all residents at the end of the carol God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen. Refreshments will include punch and cake.

Remembering last year's visit, Melinda Holsomback says, "I was pleased to see the elderly enjoy themselves, and I was happy to be a part of their joy. We enjoy doing this because many of the residents of the home do not have any family to visit them."

Senior James Acker says, "I have never been a part of the program, so I'm really looking forward to seeing their smiling faces."

Home ec teacher Rose Ellen Hankins, who sponsors FHA, says that the students' preparation for the program "really gets me in the Christmas spirit."



Concert held

Last Friday several MHS students performed with the University of Montevallo's wind ensemble in its annual Christmas concert.

Seniors Meg Perkins and Elaine Spicer, junior Jenny Lucas, and sophomores Angie Gerber, Caroline Harkins, Jennifer Lawley, and Betsy Weese, along with band director Jim Weese and student teacher Jimmy Parker participated.

These people will be included in three other concerts which are planned for the ensemble next semester.

Photos arrive

Last Thursday seniors received their portraits from Ben Boak Photography.

A new feature this year--wallet pictures with punch-out perforated sides--made it easier for the seniors to exchange with friends.

Teachers' leave

Student instructors Carolyn Niven, Jimmy Parker, and David Reed will complete their internship after 10 weeks at MHS.

To complete the training, they will take the Alabama Teachers Certification Test, tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chairs needed

The Drama Club is seeking furniture for their stage. Needed items include a rocking chair and two arm chairs.

Anyone interested in donating items should contact Alison McCollough or Rhonda Murray for details.

Yuletide brings music to MHS

CHRISTMAS MELODIES WILL COME ALIVE on Dec. 18 at 7:30 pm. in the MHS auditorium when the symphonic band performs its annual concert. Under the supervision of director Jim Weese, the band will play March Grandioso, Invicta, Sleigh Ride, A Christmas Festival, Theme from the Nutcracker Suite, and Suite Italien.

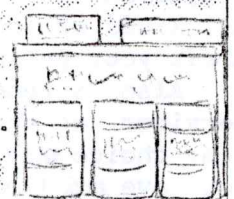
Student director Jimmy Parker will conduct Of Festive Bells and Ancient Kings.

An added feature of the concert will be the performance of The Trouveres led by choir director Tom Taylor. Their selections include Let Love Come Near (written by Dr. Ed Robertson of the University of Montevallo), White Christmas, Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Silent Night, Joy to the World, and Christmas in the Air. Admission will be free.

Holiday calls for donations

MHSers have the opportunity to make Christmas special for needy families in Shelby County by participating in a food drive sponsored by Jody Gothard, outreach counselor for Shelby Youth Services.

The drive began this week and continues through Dec. 19. Students are asked to bring non-perishable items (canned or boxed goods) to the office or to Mrs. Barbara Henderson's room. "We are hoping for a successful drive," says Mrs. Henderson, faculty sponsor.



Students request presents

by Elaine Spicer

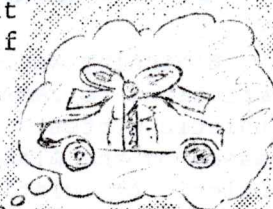
Last week, MHSers were asked eight questions in a survey by SPOTLIGHT. If they could have ANYTHING IN THE WORLD for Christmas, what would they choose? Approximately 153 students would ask for a car--preferably a red sports car such as a Porsche or Ferarri.

Many students requested money, shopping sprees, mansions, or popular celebrities. Cars, jewelry, clothes, stereos, and VCRs were gifts people "really want," while senior Eric Bearden simply says, "Surprise me!"

Most families put up their trees one to one and one-half weeks before the 25th, while some decorate two or three weeks earlier. About 200 MHSers open presents on Christmas morning; around 70 are allowed a gift or two on the Eve with the rest coming the next day.

Visiting, attending church, eating special dinners, singing carols, and keeping Advent wreaths or calendars are family traditions. Dislikes about Christmas include cleaning up and taking down the tree, the commercialization, emphasis on money, and "vacation too short." Some students dislike the fact that there are still needy people who cannot have Christmas and that people forget the true meaning--Christ's birth. "Too much wanting and not enough giving," says senior Chris Bomar.

Holiday plans for MHSers include hunting, shopping, sleeping, watching soap operas, and traveling to other states--espically Florida and the Citrus Bowl.



Holiday legend lives forever

by Sherry Yeager

SANTA CLAUS

is one of the biggest parts of today's American traditions of the Christmas season.



All children know the jolly red-faced man with "whiskers" who visits the "good little girls and boys" at Christmas time.

Santa is a descendent from the ancient St. Nicholas, a kind generous man known for his surprise gift-giving. After providing many good deeds to help his people, he was made a saint.

Eventually he was given his own day. On the eve of the most important day of the year, Christmas, children left hay for Nicholas's horse, and he gave presents in return.

His name was changed to Santa Claus by the Dutch. His appearance changed also. The bishop, who wore a long cloak, gradually became the fat, jolly man in red.

It was also said that he flew in a sleigh with eight tiny reindeer. When he came to a house where a good girl or boy lived, he would go down the chimney and leave presents under the tree and in stockings.

Though he changed on the outside, his personality and character are still the same as the old St. Nick. Whether he is called St. Nicholas or Santa Claus, he is still loved by children and adults everywhere.



Carols promote yuletide spirit

by Elaine Spicer

CHRISTMAS CAROLING is a holiday tradition around the world. In Spain, carols are sung around manger scenes; and in Portugal, singers travel from house to house and are sometimes invited to eat with the family they are entertaining.

In Scandinavian countries, there are special carol services for children in their churches. Carolers carry a lighted star in Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. French people put lighted candles in their windows as a sign for carolers to stop and sing. And in Germany, families enjoy gathering around Christmas and singing together.

Carolers are a tradition in England and America also. Both Englishers and Americans sing at homes in their neighborhoods. Many towns and cities have community Christmas trees where townspeople go to sing. Church and youth groups carry on the tradition by visiting retirement homes to entertain senior citizens.

Bulldog Growls

Bulldogs lose area match

Montevallo's hopes for a perfect season were spoiled Tuesday night when the Bulldogs lost 65-61 to the Hornets of Dallas County.

After leading most of the game, the Bulldogs saw a 10-point lead elapse as the Hornets got hot and came back to win.

Dallas County now holds a 2-0 Area record, while the Bulldogs are 1-1.

All-State forward Tommy Bivins led the Bulldogs with 25 points. Slade Blackwell scored 13, and Floyd Richardson hit 10.

New rule 'grounds' cheerers

by Chris Bomar

Beginning Nov. 25, cheerleaders were asked to remain seated during athletic contests. The rule was passed by the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Legislative Council last March to prevent injury to players and cheerleaders and to prevent game interference.

According to the new rule, "Cheerleaders will not be permitted to stand along the sidelines or endlines during a 'live' ball of a basketball game." But, the squads can cheer standing during halftime and timeouts, between periods, and before the game if their performance does not interfere with pre-game warmup.

Junior Cindy Robbins comments, "Cheering sitting down just isn't the same, but I can understand why the rule was made, as far as safety goes."

Head cheerleader Kara Child adds, "Sitting down takes away from the excitement of being involved in the

game. It makes us feel like we're just a part of the crowd. I understand it's for our own safety, but I wish it hadn't happened this year."

Overall, the feeling of the squad is basically the same--they don't like it but they understand why it is necessary.



'Dogs brace for Warrior invasion

TONIGHT THE BULLDOGS host their arch rival, the Thompson Warriors. (Girls Varsity and B-team games will precede the varsity's match-up.)

The Warriors bring an 8-0 record into the game tonight while the Bulldogs are currently 4-1.

When the two teams met during last season, Thompson took a 99-92 decision.

MHS welcomes new student

Exchange student Antje Lenthe from Hamover, Germany, arrived at Montevallo High School last Friday.

Antje has resided in several countries, including Italy, Cypress, Brazil, and Germany, and speaks five different languages. With German being her mother language, she speaks French, Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

American things Antje enjoys include football games, marching bands, school buses, big trucks, and the warm weather. However, she does not care for fast foods or soft breads.

Antje is now taking college prep English, democracy, home and personal management, art, and speech at MHS. She hopes to be able to take drivers ed next semester.

"I need to meet people and make friends so that I can go to parties and different places with them," says Antje. She is living with Dr. and Mrs. David Martin and will attend MHS until her graduation on May 29.

Things she misses from her mother country include street cafes, German food, and the few weekends she spends in Paris with her friends.

Class reports

Members of Ms. Barbara Henderson's Alabama History classes are currently researching Alabama counties for history, natural resources, businesses, government and historical sites.

A painted map of an assigned county is to be included with the projects when they are handed in on Dec. 15.

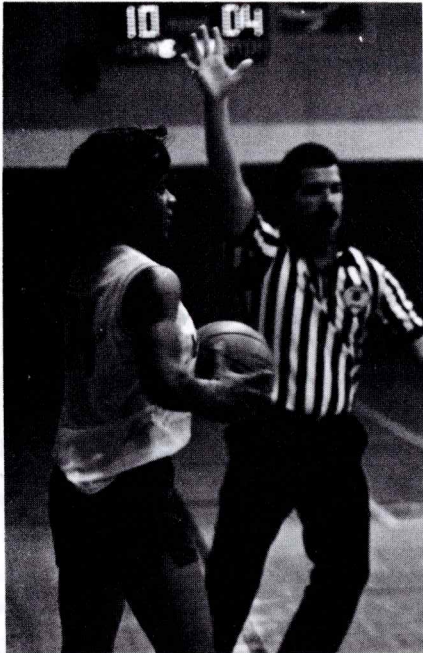
Deadline nears

Friday, Dec. 19, is the next "send-off" date for the MONTALA which should return in early May.

Girls break even after 4

After opening the season with a heartbreaking 31-29 loss to Shelby County, the Lady Bulldogs are now 2-2 after defeating Childersburg 40-25 and Chilton County 36-19 and

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SCANNING THE COURT
Latrece Gaddis looks for an open teammate.



MY TURN TO BRAG THIS YEAR
Auburn fan John Hardin taunts Alabama supporter Scott Haynie. (Story p. 8)



HIGH FLYING BULLDOGS

"Headless" Slade Blackwell goes airborne as he passes to Floyd Richardson against West Blocton's Tigers.

'Dogs make it 3 in a row

by Charles DeVinner

Bulldog cagers made a three-game sweep of West Blocton last week as the varsity, B-Team, and junior varsity captured victories. The varsity win boosted Coach Bobby Pierson's Bulldogs' record to 3-0, the best start since the mid-'70's when MHS captured two consecutive state basketball titles.

First half action was close as the Bulldogs traded baskets with the Tigers. The 'Dogs led only 18-17 at the end of the first quarter and 36-34 at halftime. But after Coach's pep talk at intermission, the 'Dogs returned to outscore the Tigers 26-19 in the third period and win 68-77.

Key steals by Tommy Bivins and Floyd Richardson kept the pressure on the Tigers' offense, while Reggie Mann added to a much needed rebounding attack late in the match.

"They didn't play in a stylish fashion," says Coach Pierson, but a few players caught his eye with "heads-up" play. "Bivins, Slade Blackwell, Mann, and Richardson all played well," Coach adds.

Scoring Summary

Player	FG	FT	Tot	Reb	Asst
T. Bivins	14	3 - 8	31	7	2
F. Richardson	11	1 - 2	23	3	9
S. Blackwell	7	6 - 9	20	6	11
W. Goldsmith	2	2 - 4	6	6	1
R. Mann	2	0 - 2	4	7	2
D. Paschel	1	0 - 3	2	2	4
C. DeVinner	1	0 - 0	2	0	0

In first Area game

Bulldogs defeat Shelby County

by Chris Bomar and Wes Anderson

For their first Area match of the season, the Bulldogs traveled to Columbiana Nov. 25 to battle the Shelby County Wildcats for varsity and B team wins.

After an even first quarter (14-14), MHS's varsity pulled away to lead by 30; but the 'Cats, in a late run, made the final score 82-70.

Senior Tommy Bivins paced the win with 28 points and 12 rebounds. Willie Goldsmith added 12 points while Reggie Mann hit 11.

Coach Bobby Pierson praised the efforts of Bivins, Mann, and Goldsmith and the defensive play of seniors Slade Blackwell and Floyd Richardson. "We played well in spots, but we still haven't developed that total 'killer instinct' yet," Coach adds.

Tyron Goodwin and Randy Tolbert led the 'Dogs with 16 points apiece in the B team's second win of the season. They defeated the Shelby County B's 59-38.

During first half action, starter Phillip Tyus was taken from the game due to an ankle injury, adding extra pressure on replacements Arthur Farrington, Steve Brazzell, and Todd Davis according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

Girls even - (Cont.)

In their first home game, the ladies pulled off their other victory against Chilton County.

Connell and Perkins led on offense, and Dana Hayes stood out on the press-play defense.

Statistics

	Pts	Reb	Ast	Stls
Connell	2	1	3	7
Gaddis	8	7	1	1
Hayes	6	5	1	3
Niven	4	2	3	0
Perkins	16	1	0	4

Two days later the ladies fell to the Pelham Panthers. Gaddis, Hayes, and Perkins drew Coach's praise on offense.

The loss was even more bitter when senior Tena Niven was sidelined with an injured knee.

"The girls are working hard; and before the season ends, it will pay off," says Coach Johnye Horton.

* Coach cited *

* Birmingham News named Coach Bobby Pierson Metro Coach of the Week after his MHS Bulldogs beat West Blocton 91-69 last week.

Tiger fans win braggin' rights

by John Hardin

Although the Tide was favored in predictions made by journalism students, Auburn fans now have 351 days to boast.

Thousands of blue and orange bumper stickers were made at "the game," and tens of thousands have been printed up since the big day.

Auburn won the Iron Bowl 21-17, as predicted by junior Wes Anderson to make the overall series: Alabama 31, Auburn 20, and 1 tie.

Both teams accepted bowl bids.

Alabama (9-3) plays Washington in the Sun Bowl on Christmas Day, and Auburn (9-2) meets Southern Cal in the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1.

Tourneys set

Holidays mean tournaments for the Bulldogs.

On Dec. 18-19 they will be playing in the Jemison meet, and then on Christmas Day, they leave for Tallahassee, Fla., for a tournament with teams from both Florida and Georgia.

B team, 'Pups win at Blocton

by Wes Anderson and Scott Haynie

Prior to the varsity's game with West Blocton, the B team also ran their record to 3-0 with a 49-40 win over Blocton's B squad. MHS led 26-15 at halftime.

Third period action was hot as the 'Dogs increased their lead to 16 points. In the fourth quarter, Blocton pulled together and closed the gap to 9.

Tyron Goodwin contributed 16 points and Randy Tolbert added 11 as top scorers for the night.

Coach Charles Averhart's Bullpups defeated West Blocton's junior varsity 34-17 to start the clean sweep of victories for MHS over the Tigers.

First half action was close, but the Pups outscored the Tiger Cubs 14-2 in the last half for the victory.

Top scorers for MHS were Aaron Fulgham (10) and Greg Cox (9).



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BUSY FOR THE SPELLING BEE

Sponsor Delilah Robinson practices with spellers Kerry Meline, Deprecia Moore, and Michele Killingsworth. (Not pictured is Daniel Potter.)

County spellers compete today

How do you spell "anticipation?"

Last Tuesday, MHS held the annual Spelling Bee competition with freshman Michele Killingsworth, sophomore Kerry Meline, and juniors Deprecia Moore and Daniel Potter competing.

The winner (not decided by press time) will attend today's competition at the Shelby County Board of Education office in Columbiana to decide county champion.

English teacher Delilah Robinson practiced with the students and conducted the MHS testing. Words used were taken from the second and third level words in the Spelling Contest booklet.

FFAers show hogs

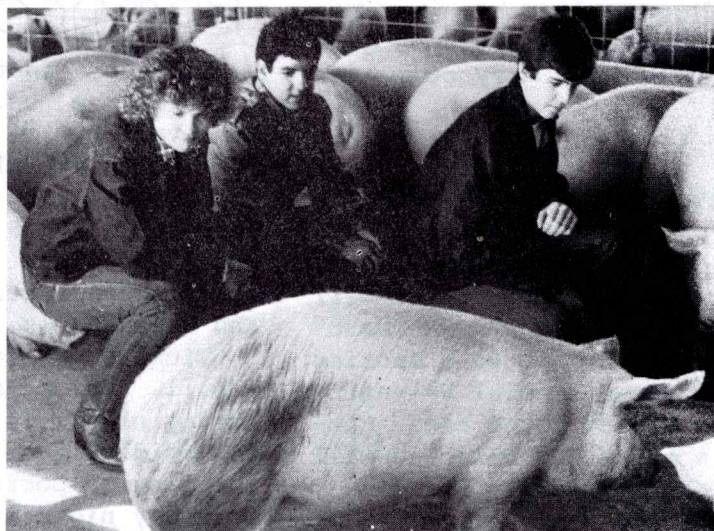
Montevallo ag students will enter 18 hogs in the State Market hog show in the H. N. Hog Barn in Montgomery Sunday and Monday.

Senior Dana Hayes, junior Lance Byrd, and 8th grader Doug Pate will be accompanied by ag teacher Tony Berry and his advanced students. The group will assist and show hogs.

"I'm glad the class is going because they will be a lot of help," says Dana.

FFAers will weigh in early Sunday morning and spend the night in the Holiday Inn Holidome.

R. L. Zeigler Company will purchase
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THIS LITTLE PIGGIE WENT TO MARKET
Hog showmen Dana Hayes, Lance Byrd, and Jason Turner evaluate hogs for competition.

'Super' dancer is bowl bound

Junior Christie Hale will dance at Super Bowl XXI in Pasadena as a member of the American All-Star dance team.

Organizers chose 250 dancers from trials held at universities across the nation. Representatives were selected for their outstanding talent, attitude, and enthusiasm, and for projecting the "All-American Image."

Christi left Jan. 16 for an itinerary calling for eight hours of practice a day. Recreational activities include a banquet for the dancers and visits to Universal Studios and Disney Land.

"I'm very excited; I think it will help me as I pursue a dance career in the future," Christi says.

Financial aid programs set

Montevallo and Thompson High Schools will host financial aid programs next week. "This is an outstanding opportunity for students and parents," says gifted education specialist Martha Lamberth.

Montevallo's program will be led by Mrs. Linda Knowles, director of financial aid at the University of Montevallo on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7:00 p.m.

"She (Mrs. Knowles) does an outstanding job of helping parents predict, plan, and find resources for meeting college costs," says guidance counselor Colleen Colley. Financial forms and helpful hints on filling them out will be available.

Thompson's program, at 7:00 p.m. Monday, will be approximately eight content sessions. One session will be entitled "How to Prepare for and Apply for Academic Scholarships." Both the University of Montevallo and Birmingham Southern will take part in the program.

Interested students may call MHS at 665-2970 or Thompson High at 663-2861 or 663-9685.

Group prepares for meet

With the county tournament only two weeks away (Feb. 6), scholars bowl members are practicing two days a week. English teachers Ann Parker and Larry Haynes have also been busy scheduling practice matches with other teams.

After two earlier matches with Jess Lanier and Calera, the team will meet McAdory next Tuesday.

FFAers show --(Cont.)

the hogs for above the market price.

"This is always a good show, and I think we'll place well this year because we have some good hogs," Mr. Berry comments.

Valentine ad sales underway

Attention! Attention!

Starting Monday, Jan. 26, SPOTLIGHT staff will be selling "sweetheart" ads for persons wanting to send special Valentine notes to loved ones. Carnations and balloons will also be sold.

Cost for sending a sweetheart ad is 50¢ for 50 spaces. Other prices have not been decided.

It's News Downtown

UM celebrates Homecoming '87

College Night performances at the University of Montevallo will be held Feb. 11-14 at Palmer Hall.

Leaders for the Purple team are Robin Martin and Rodney Whitley, while Gold leaders are Patrick Evans and Donna Davis.

Tickets go on sale on Feb. 1. Prices are: Wednesday night, \$3; Thursday and Friday, \$5. Cost for the final performance on Saturday night is \$6.

Homecoming at the University of Montevallo will

Lisa wins top alternate

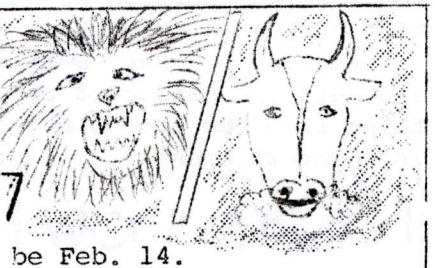
Shelby County's Junior Miss, Lisa Lawley, became Alabama's state runner-up on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Lisa's efforts in the competition held in Montgomery, netted her over \$9,000 in scholarship award money.

Individual honors included the overall scholastic achievement (\$1,000), Kraft Award (\$300), and first runner-up (\$6,000).

During the competition, Lisa and 51 other contestants learned physical fitness routines. As recreation, they went out to eat with various civic groups including Montgomery Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

"It was a neat experience. I met a lot of new friends," beams the petite senior.



be Feb. 14.

The Alumni luncheon is scheduled for 12 p.m. in Anna Irvin Dining Hall. A reception will follow at Flowerhill.

Montevallo's city wide beautification project began at the first of this month.

Mayor Ralph Sears is seeking students who are willing to participate in the project. Students who are interested may contact Mayor Sears at City Hall.

EDITORIALS



Support the teams

Supporters show concern

Students at MHS have a lot to be proud of with successful varsity, B-Team, and Lady basketball teams.

So far, the season has brought many victories for all teams. The crowds at home games have been outstanding. However, a main concern is support at away games.

Our players and coaches have worked diligently to achieve excellence on the court. They deserve support from all interested students.

The basketball teams merit the same support as the football team or any other school sport. We as students feel we should show our teams we're with them ALL THE WAY TO STATE.

(Juniors Genie Lightfoot and Tracy Duren)

Students get new beginning

Since the new semester began this week, students have an excellent opportunity to put the old grading periods behind them and get off to a fresh start.

Start the semester on a positive note by being prepared in class with all necessary materials. Take good class notes, keep up with daily homework, and allow yourself plenty of time to study for tests.

The new semester provides a chance for pulling up grade point averages. Through careful planning, students can make the second semester a successful one.

Fans' attendance sought

MHSers can boast of a very successful sports program, which includes diverse sports. One of the most successful programs is that of the basketball teams.

In the midst of basketball season, a problem is obvious. While attendance at football games last season was excellent and home basketball game attendance is very good, away-game crowd levels are not up to par. Our teams need fan support as much on the road as they do at home games.

Aside from various tournaments, the varsity Bulldogs have three more away games this season.

Let's support our three basketball teams--B Team, Girls, and Varsity--by showing them how proud we are of them.

Attend as many of the games as possible and show the coaches and players we will stay behind them all the way to state playoffs.

Scholar shines

MHS has been well represented due to the academic excellence and hard work of senior Lisa Lawley.

We are proud of her achievement which allowed her to become 1st runner-up in the recent Junior Miss competition for the state title.

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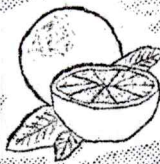
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FFA makes record profit

Sponsor Tony Berry was all smiles after his FFA students made a net profit of \$2500 from their Christmas fruit sale. With the money earned they were able to buy an Apple computer equipped with a printer and disc drive, as well as a self-leveling contractor's level.

Additional money will pay for a trip to the rodeo and annual awards banquet to be held in the spring.

Scott Goggins won \$50 for being top salesman; he sold 92 cases of fruit. Mr. Berry comments, "They all did an excellent job."



Vocational building improved

Although a cloud of proration looms over the Shelby County School system, MHS is continuing the effort to provide quality facilities.

Much needed renovation has begun in the vocational building where stained ceilings have been replaced. Vocational students will also be able to see better with new lighting that has been installed in both home economics and agriculture departments.

"The improvements have made the building ready to serve the students better," says maintenance man Danny Akers. Renovations will continue with both departments being repainted in the near future he informs.

Pawlick leaves Helf replaces

Mr. Bill Helf, University of Wisconsin graduate, has joined MHS's faculty.

Replacing Mrs. Michelle Pawlik, Mr. Helf will teach physics, biology I, and physical science.

Mr. Helf lived in Montevallo for two years before moving to Shelby. He has taught three and one half years at Carver High School in North Birmingham.

Mr. Helf's wife Ellen, a fourth grade teacher at Elvin Hill School, is currently studying at the University of Montevallo for an elementary teaching degree.

"I'm glad to be here," says the new teacher.

Science fair set for March

MHSers will have an opportunity to enter a project in the first schoolwide science fair in many years.

The fair will be held the week after the spring break. Winners from the MHS contest will be eligible to attend the county fair. (Dates for county judging have not been announced.)

Montevallo science department head Carol Czerw encourages everyone "to take advantage of this opportunity for interesting learning."



Scholars take all in Calera match

In their opening match of the year, Montevallo's Scholars' Bowl team got off to a strong start Jan. 21, as they defeated Calera in three consecutive rounds.

First teamers James Acker, Lisa Lawley, Mike Mieuire, and Daniel Potter captured the first round with a score of 140-95. Montevallo's B Team won the second round 75-30. Both groups combined in a third round as MHS devastated the Calera mixed team 205-30.

MHS senior James Acker led the way getting five toss-ups in the last round and having a team high of eight toss-ups for the night.

Graduation fees due in March

Parents of seniors have two reminders to put on their calendars.

This year parents have been given the opportunity to put dedication messages in the MONTALA. Messages can include a photograph as well as writing. Deadline for ads is Jan. 28.

Seniors will soon receive letters concerning a \$25 graduation fee.

The fee, due by March 18, will pay for cap and gown rental, diploma, and all graduation costs.

Dates announced

On Feb. 6 the math team is scheduled to compete at Wallace State in Hanceville. Then Feb. 14 they will take part in the Huffman competition, followed by the samford contest Feb. 28.

Writers compete for awards

Students planning to enter the Alabama Penman Creative Writing Contest will need to act fast. Entries for the contest must be submitted to the Central Office of the Board of Education by Feb. 7. Participants compete in two divisions: grades 7-9 for cash prizes of \$25, \$75, and \$100; and grades 10-12 for cash prizes of \$50, \$150, and \$200.

Faculty from the University of Montevallo's English department will choose county winners which will go on to regional contest.

"I am looking forward to seeing Shelby County's artists and writers featured in Alabama Penman," states Central Office executive secretary Cindy Hollis.

Interested students may contact English teacher Delilah Robinson.

Scholars seek 'sweet revenge'

The rematch is set!

Next Friday during activity period, MHSers will be given the opportunity to witness a renewed rivalry when the Scholars Bowl team faces the faculty.

Last year the faculty team, consisting of teachers Carol Czerw, Richard Gilliam, Johnye Horton, and Jim Weese defeated their student opponents.

Coming off promising performances against Calera and Jess Lanier, the students will be out to even the score with their teachers.

"The match provides a good opportunity for the team to gain experience in match play as they prepare for the county tournament Feb. 6," says Coach Larry Haynes.

MHSers play for Governor

Although practice for District Concert band competition is underway, several MHSers are staying busy in extra activities.

Last Tuesday, band director Jim Weese, senior Meg Perkins, and sophomore Angie Gerber travelled to Montgomery with the University of Montevallo's wind ensemble. The group performed at Governor Guy Hunt's Inaugural breakfast.

Some MHS band members plan to participate in All State Band tryouts Jan. 31. Students who achieve a seat in one of the three state bands will perform in a concert March 7.

Leaders select site for prom

Junior class officers Hazan Monk and Barry Studdard have made two important decisions concerning the 1987 Junior-Senior Prom. Birmingham Hyatt House will host the prom on April 18.

Other decisions to be considered include whether to have a band or a disc jockey as well as planning souvenir choices, theme, and the menu.

JV's win

3 in a row

After three outstanding performances, the Junior Varsity has pulled together and heads into the county tournament which is scheduled for Feb. 2-6.

Coach Charles Averhart's charges began their winning streak against the Pelham Panthers.

Though the score stayed close throughout the game, the Bullpups rose to the occasion behind the efforts of Damian Hines and Aaron Fulgham for a heartstopping 40-39 win.

Coach Averhart states, "We played with good defense and shot selection."

Continuing the streak, the Juniors allowed Calera only 21 points as they took a 49-21 victory.

Shane Baugh was leading scorer with 11; Fulgham added 9.

Last Wednesday the 'Pups played their final home game--a 51-34 romp over the Briarwood Lions.

"Our wing men Coty Jones and Baugh made our offense successful with good passes to the low post," comments Coach Averhart.

"This has been a real good season and a good group of young men has made it an enjoyable experience for me," Coach adds.

The 'Pups played their last regular season game last night with the Shelby County Wildcats.

Annuals sold

Montevallo Middle School students completed year-book sales Jan. 16. Arrival date is in April.

Practice brings good results

by Charles DeVinner

AS BELLS RANG TO SIGNAL the beginning of Christmas break, most students were eager for the chance to enjoy a two-week vacation away from school and activities. However, for Coach Bobby Pierson and his cagers it meant long hours of practice, a grueling tournament schedule and nearly 1,000 miles of traveling.

Practice paid off for the 'Dogs as they won the Jemison Tournament Dec. 19-20. "We played well and came through by hitting crucial buckets late," says Coach Pierson explaining two come-from-behind victories to earn tournament wins over the Clanton Tigers (66-65 ot) and the Shelby County Wildcats (62-50).

Bulldogs win honors

Three Bulldogs were cited for their performances in the meet. Tommy Bivins compiled 63 points and 25 rebounds as the tournament's Most-Valuable-Player. Teammates Slade Blackwell with 29 points and 13 assists and Floyd Richardson with 10 points and 14 assists joined Bivins on the all-tournament team.

Florida proves rough

After the Jemison meet, the Bulldogs traveled to Tallahassee, Florida, where they lost two games to Florida's 6A powers Twin Lakes 62-60 and Leon 53-49.

"This was a great experience and confidence builder for us because now we know we can play with anyone in state or out of state," says Coach Pierson.

Bibb County wins

Montevallo's cagers began the new year with mixed results. After what Coach Pierson called a "nightmare" loss (79-61) at the hands of Bibb County, the following night the 'Dogs defeated Wetumpka 70-63.

Joe Cox (24 points) paced Bibb County's win with his outside shooting as the Bulldogs trailed from the opening whistle. "The game showed a total lapse of mental concentration for us," said Coach Pierson.

'Dogs get back on track

At Wetumpka the next night, the Bulldogs earned an eight-point lead early in the first half. However, the Indians recovered to pull within one point by intermission. But after halftime, the 'Dogs found their "chemistry" and moved on to defeat the Indians.

"We did what it took to win by being patient on offense and rebounding on both ends of the court," says Coach Pierson.

Boosters honor football team

Tomorrow night Montevallo's Athletic Boosters will honor the football team, coaches, and cheerleaders at its annual banquet at 6 p.m. in the Montevallo Room of Anna Irvin Dining Hall at the University of Montevallo.

Awards will be made to players in three categories--statistical, coaches' opinion, and those voted on by fellow teammates.

Team readies

With spring training only six weeks away, Bulldog football players are getting ready for the 1987 season.

Head Coach Richard Gilliam has the team on a weight-training program which should make players "bigger, faster, and stronger."

Forty-four prospects met with Coach Gilliam on Jan. 7 to sign up.

Cager honored

Senior basketball player Slade Blackwell was named Player of the Week by the Birmingham News Tuesday.

The honor came after his outstanding performance in MHS's 110-71 win over area foe Jemison.

Slade had 23 points.

"It's an honor to be named, but it's the work of every player on the team that causes some player to get recognized," Slade says.

Baseball begins

Coach Kenny Brown met with students interested in joining the baseball team last Wednesday.

Tryouts will be held during February according to Coach Brown now in his second year as MHS's baseball coach.

Players sign

Wednesday was "deadline day" for signing up to play football for MHS next season.

Varsity, B's advance in meet

Last night the Bulldogs were scheduled to play Thompson in the semi-final round of the County Tournament at Pelham High. Thursday's victor faces the winner of the Vincent-Calera match for the county title tonight at 7:30.

Montevallo overcame an 11-point deficit to advance to the semis by way of a 72-65 victory over Pelham.

In a slump in the first period, the 'Dogs gained control in the second by aggressive defense and strong rebounding. They led 43-42 at the half. Second half action belonged to the 'Dogs. "We pulled together and played as a team," states Coach Bobby Pierson.

Tommy Bivins led the scoring with 35 points. His efforts put him over the 2000 career mark with 2009.

On the same night the B team captured a first-round victory also over Shelby County 49-35. First half action was close as the 'Dogs could only manage a four-point lead by halftime. When play resumed, the 'Cats immediately pulled within two points, but that was as close as they would come to the scrapping Bulldogs.

Led by Tyron Goodwin who scored 17 points the 'Dogs caught fire and coasted to victory.

(Demetrius Paschel, Wes Anderson)

Squad takes 3 in a row

Regular season area play ended for the Bulldogs with a three-game winning streak.

Montevallo beat Shelby County a third time this season when the 'Dogs hosted the 'Cats Jan. 6.

Paced by Tommy Bivins with 30 points and Slade Blackwell with 16, Montevallo led by only 2 points at halftime but broke away in the third quarter and went on to soundly defeat the 'Cats 82-63.

On Jan. 9 the Bulldogs avenged an earlier loss to Dallas County. Outscoring the Hornets 23-8 in the first quarter, the 'Dogs romped to an 86-75 victory.

Bivins (29) and Blackwell (22) were again scoring leaders for MHS.

In the final area game, the 'Dogs pounded the Panthers 110-71. Seniors Bivins, Blackwell, Demetrius Paschel, and Reggie Mann led the scoring parade as every MHS player put in at least 4 points.

Girls capture playoff spot

After winning seven games in a row, MHS's girls basketball team fell to the Chelsea Hornets Jan. 20, 31-29.

Senior Meg Perkins led all scorers with 16.

Capturing the seventh straight win, the ladies romped over the Briarwood Lions 45-35 as Latrece Gaddis netted 20 points and senior Dana Hayes hit 12.

On Jan. 13, the 'Dogs edged Jemison 37-34 in overtime.

Standouts were Gaddis (15), Perkins (10), and senior Tena Niven (10). Defensively junior Sonia Connell had five steals and four assists.

The Jemison win automatically assures MHS a spot in the sub-state finals.

Bulldog Growls

Students start BFS program

by Chris Bomar

Since second semester began, athletes in Coach Richard Gilliam's PE classes have been participating in a new type weightlifting program.

Students have begun the BFS (Bigger, Faster, Stronger) Program

following a system Coach modified from videos that his classes have been watching. The system puts more emphasis on pure strength and explosiveness than other athletes have used and also takes less time.

Three days a week the lifters work on strength which includes core lifts (bench press, power cleans), dead lifts, and several auxiliary lifts. The other two days are used to concentrate on flexibility, agility, speed, and plyometrics--a means of exerting muscles to their full capacity. This is done by vertical leaping, bounding, and exercises of that nature.

"This workout is not really longer or more work than the others but does concentrate more on intensity," Coach Gilliam explains.



School makes record progress in '86

by Elaine Spicer

Along with the beginning of each new year comes recollections of the year just ended. Many memories from 1986 are cherished by MHSers. Some of the most important ones are listed below.

SCHOLARS BOWL team members participated in several meets, including a friendly match which the faculty won.

The MATH TEAMS enjoyed a successful year.

Senior Cheryl Graffo won third place in the SHELBY COUNTY SPELLING BEE at Columbiana.

Child-nutrition program coordinator Pat Bulger-Johnson helped improve the lunch program, which had fallen to a record low in participation level.

Science teacher Carol Czerw earned the title of SHELBY COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

Last spring the SYMPHONIC BAND earned straight ones at both District and the University of Montevallo Concert Band Contest. They also took class winner and second place in the overall contest.

Although the BAND did not compete in State Contest due to lack of funds, 31 MHSers participated in the All-County bands and 40 superior medals were awarded at Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Seniors Lori Rovelstad and Ricki Swift, along with freshman Angie Gerber took part in the ALL-STATE BAND concert.

Ricki also earned the JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA AWARD as

MHS's OUTSTANDING SENIOR MUSICIAN, and Meg Perkins was awarded the ARION AWARD for OUTSTANDING JUNIOR.

During the fall, the MARCHING TROUBADOURS received all superior ratings at the Central Alabama Marching Festival, as did the AUXILIARY UNITS with exception of an excellent score for the MAJORETTES.

The TROUBADOURS ALSO received a Best-in-Class trophy at CAM Festival.

In BASKETBALL,

junior Tommy Lee Bivins broke many long-standing records last season.

He finished with 840 points for the season, breaking Robert Seay's ('71) record of 643. Tommy's 31.9 average points per game passed the old record of 23.8 held by Eddie Lovelady ('69).

Junior Slade Blackwell broke records by getting 130 assists for the season and a career record of 9 assists in a single game.

The BULLDOGS won area and sub-state titles last February and toppled No. 2 ranked Winfield in the STATE TOURNAMENT but lost to title-winner Tanner.

Seven TRACK TEAM MEMBERS participated in state competition in the spring.

First-year Coach Kenny

Brown led the BASEBALL TEAM to a 10-12 season.

In their first year of Class 4A competition, the BULLDOGS ended the FOOTBALL season with a 6-4 record.

One highlight of the season was a spectacular 24-15 win over the Thompson Warriors.

This was the first time since 1974 that the Bulldogs had defeated THS.

Many individual honors were bestowed on MHS FOOTBALL players.

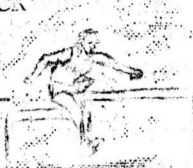
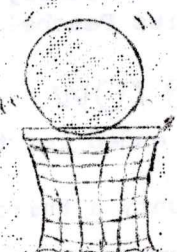
Seniors Charles DeVinner, Mike Kimbrell, Eric McCord, and Demetrius Paschel won recognition from the BIRMINGHAM NEWS and Coach Richard Gilliam was named COACH-OF-THE-WEEK after the Thompson win.

Seniors Slade Blackwell and Demetrius Paschel and junior Eric McCord were named to the All-County team, and seniors Danny Kelly and Charles DeVinner got honorable mention.

Slade, along with junior Jerry Brasher, won All-Metro and Slade was also named All-State.

Another memory of 1986 is MHS's GIANT STEP in the computer age. In September, a classroom with 12 Apple II computers was set up.

These and many other memories will be a part of MHSers forever, and 1987 promises to be equally as memorable.





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Scholar obtains honor

Senior James Acker captured 1st place as high scorer in the Shelby County Scholar's Bowl Tournament at Columbiana last Friday. James and senior Lisa Lawley led MHS to victories over Calera, Pelham, and Vincent for a second-place three-way tie with Shelby County, Thompson, and Montevallo.

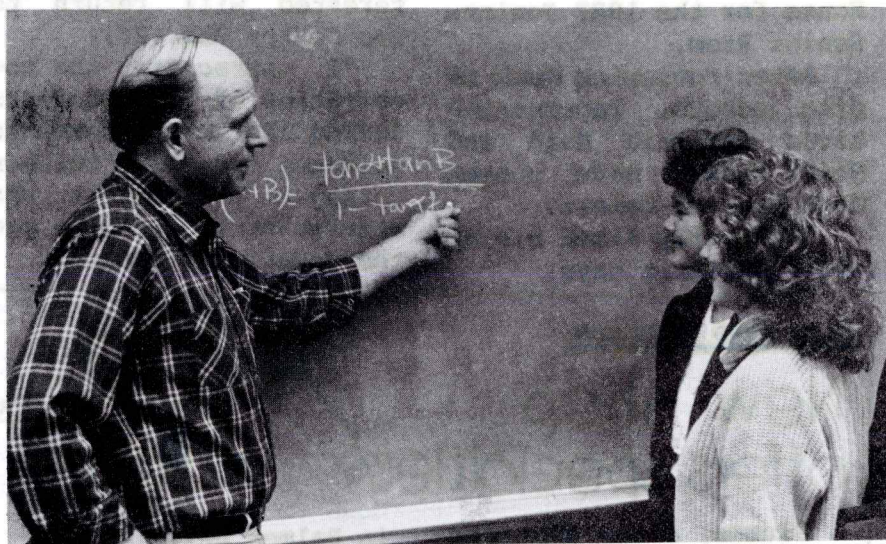
Despite losing to MHS in the second round, Shelby County advanced to the finals where they defeated last year's champion Chelsea for 1st place. Montevallo's other team members are Britt Blake, Kerry Meline, Mike Mieure, and Daniel Potter.

Montevallo's B-Team also had a good day defeating Thompson. "I'm so proud of them," says Scholar's Bowl Coach Larry Haynes; "they were just outstanding all the way."



TOP SCHOLAR!

Senior John Hardin (left) admires 1st place Scholar's Bowl trophy won by James Acker.



DO IT THIS WAY

Coach Doug Morris works a problem for math team members junior Glenda Lawley and sophomore Angie Gerber.

Team prepares for meet

Two numbers' difference is 9 and the sum is 5 times the smaller. What are the numbers? Got it? The numbers are 3 and 12.

Questions of this type and many others will confront juniors Glenda Lawley and Kerry Meline and senior John Hardin in their advanced math ciphering round Feb. 14. The three MHSers along with Algebra I and Algebra II

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Competition awaits band

Music will fill the Shades Valley High School auditorium on Friday, Feb. 27, as the symphonic band will once again try to attain superior ratings at District Contest.

The group will perform Father of Victory, Suite Italienne, and March and Procession of Bacchus.

Band members will attend the contest at 10 a.m. If they receive an overall superior score, they will advance to State Contest at Samford University in Birmingham in April.

"This could be our seventeenth consecutive year to get the recommendation for State Contest," says Director Jim Weese.

"The band seems to be coming along pretty well. We're busy now refining the sound and quality."

Typist enters national contest

Senior Jan Edwards will represent MHS in the Olympia National Scholastic Typing Contest next month. State winners will receive Olympia typewriters and will compete with other state representatives in the national finals in April.

Testing on both the state and national level is done in the participant's own school and consists of a 5-minute timed writing and a 20-minute production which consists of a two-page business letter, a tabulation problem, and a full-page memorandum. The national winner receives \$500.

A spokesman for Olympia stated that more than 5000 schools were represented last year when MHSer Marsha Tryon was the Alabama champion.

"I think Jan has a good chance. She's working on it with determination," says typing teacher Susie DeMent.

Project begins

Student Council members are working to form a program sponsored by Reader's Digest for student drinking and driving.

MHSers wishing to participate should contact a Council member.

Schools with the winning project will be awarded scholarships for students who were involved in it.

Team prepares (cont.)

teams coached by math teacher Doug Morris will compete in the Huffman Tournament on Valentine's Day.

The teams also plan to participate in the Samford Math Tournament Feb. 28.

Dance to be held

Tonight the publications staff is holding a Valentine's Dance in the auditorium, 7:30-11:00.

Pictures will be taken by Ben Boak photographer. Two 5x7's and eight wallets will cost \$10. Admission is \$1.50 singles; \$2 for a couple.

DJ selected

Junior class officers recently sent the \$800 deposit to reserve the Hyatt House for the 1987 Junior-Senior Prom.

After reviewing music of disc jockeys, representatives Christie Hale and Britt Blake have chosen Mark Dyer of Calera.

"We really liked his music," Christie says.

It's News Downtown

New shop offers specialties

Pluses, a new shirt shop on Main Street has opened for business.

The shop specializes in hand designed sweat shirts, jewelry, and make-up.

Students at the University of Montevallo are currently preparing for Homecoming '87 which will be highlighted by the College Night performances.

Purple and Gold will compete again in the musical comedies from Feb. 11-14. Tickets are on sale

Pupils tour trade school

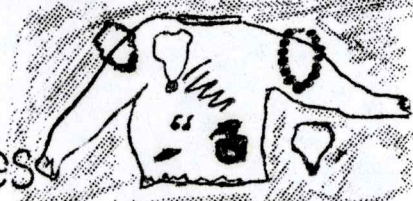
Sophomores recently made their annual visit to the Area Vocational Center in Columbiana. They left MHS immediately after lunch and returned during the 7th period.

The class was divided into four groups to tour the various areas of the vocational school. Each skill area had a speaker who gave a brief presentation about the class.

At the end of the tour, students were given surveys to complete regarding whether they wished to make a return visit to observe other classes.

Sophomores who are interested will return to the Center Feb. 24.

"I appreciate the cooperation of the students during the trip," comments guidance counselor Colleen Colley. "I feel it was beneficial to them to see the vocational center."

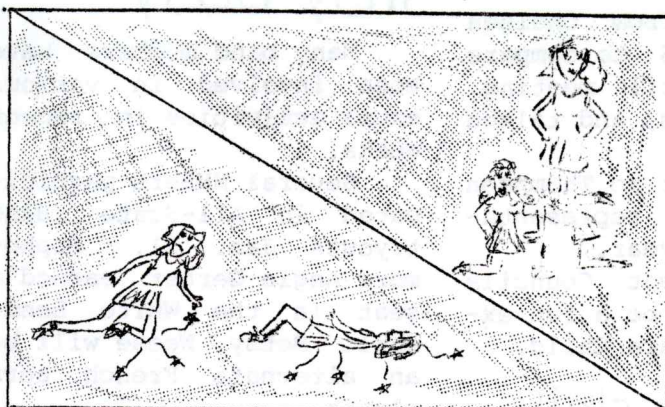


in Palmer Hall.

Gold leaders are Donna Davis of Cullman and Patrick Evans of Center Point. Robin Martin of Bay Minette and Rodney Whatley of McCullough are leaders for the Purples.

Saturday's activities include the traditional alumni luncheon at noon, followed by the Purple-Gold basketball game. The game, at Myrick Hall has become a great part of College Night tradition.

EDITORIALS



Stunts ---
too dangerous!

Injury causes questions

Presently the question is being asked, "How dangerous is cheerleading?"

Recently a cheerer died after hitting her head during a routine. The incident was the first fatal accident attributed to cheerleading in 15 years. In 1981 a study citing dangers in recreational activities ranked cheering 182 out of 215 studied. Cheering was judged safer than volleyball and basketball.

Shelby County School Board officials recently forbade county cheerleaders to perform stunts. This grounding of cheerleaders is similar to forcing football players to play touch football.

If a controversy were started every time someone was injured in football, basketball, or baseball, we could no longer have these sports in school.

Grounding cheerleaders seems unfair. If cheerleaders are forbidden to perform their "cheering stunts," the other sports should be "limited" in the same way.

Club schedule returns

During the fall semester, MHSers missed having club meetings and activity periods. However, during this semester activity schedule will be set up.

Meetings will begin soon, so students are urged to consider clubs that will benefit them. We encourage everyone to get involved in some activity.

Student Council Speaks

Council begins program

Montevallo High School's involvement in the program to stop drinking and driving is already in the works. We are competing with other schools in the country to see who can come up with the best program on the issue.

The Student Council hopes to begin a SADD chapter and receive films, speakers, and surveys to promote the program in our school. Many exciting ideas have already been suggested, but we welcome others to make our program the most unique and versatile in the country.

Please join in our efforts. The problem faces all of us. (Kara Child)

School friend retires

Recently, school bus driver Sarah Morris resigned from her post after 21 years of service to MHS.

We salute her for doing an excellent job over the years.

Mrs. Morris gave much of her duties free. Many times she drove for athletes and band members without pay. She is a dear friend to MHSers past and present.

We at MHS will always be grateful to Mrs. Morris for all the safe rides she has given us. Thanks, Mrs. Morris!

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Observers visit school

Four student council representatives from Chelsea High School recently spent the day at MHS to compare schools. They observed an MHS student council meeting, various classes, compared school newspapers, and talked with student council officers.

Chelsea representatives were also sent to Thompson and Shelby High Schools. MHS plans to send representatives to other county schools later in the year.

Chelsea will host a two-day United Student Councils of Alabama workshop in April. "This should be a fun experience," comments MHS council president Kara Child.

Classes sharpen writing skills

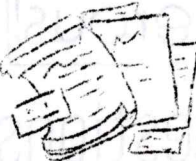
English students in freshman and college prep classes are presently working towards improving composition.

Ms. Barbara Belisle's college prep students are researching various topics on which they will write papers. Pupils use class time for research, as well as writing, and are required to take at least one informative source to class each day.

Students chose topics of personal interest, with subjects ranging from vampires and music therapy to ice hockey and organ donation.

Papers are being turned in today by Mrs. Delilah Robinson's freshman classes. Students wrote essays in stages by writing and handing in their thesis sentences, followed by introductions, conclusions, outlines, rough drafts, and now their final papers.

Most students wrote essays on the different aspects of freshman life.



Musicians stay busy

Many band members have been involved in various extra activities in recent weeks.

Several MHSers participated in All-State Band tryouts Jan. 31. Sophomore Angie Gerber earned a seat in the White Band, while Betsy Weese will be an alternate French horn player.

"The tryout music was exceptionally difficult this year," states MHS director Jim Weese.

Seven band members will play with UM's wind ensemble Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. in Palmer Auditorium.

Rings delivered

Last Friday (Feb. 6), the "big" moment arrived for the juniors as they received class rings.

Sales representative Bert Jones of Jostens delivered rings to 75 eager students.

Freshmen tested

Scoliosis tests were given Jan. 20, to all 9th graders at MHS.

Alabama State Law requires that students in grades 5 through 9 be given the test.

Approximately ten students will be retested on Friday, Feb. 13.

Teachers who worked with the program included Mrs. Heidi Ross, Mrs. Michele Pawlik, and Mr. Kenny Brown. Phys ed teacher Dot Bishop coordinated the testing which included students at MHS.

Sophomores research jobs

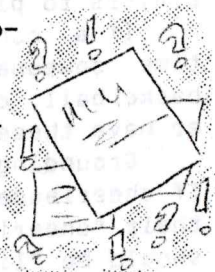
English 10 classes will complete a two-week career orientation unit today.

The unit, taught by instructor Larry Haynes and guidance counselor Colleen Colley, is devised to help students in "narrowing down their choices for possible careers and planning courses for the final two years of high school."

Students chose two occupations in which they had an interest and did extensive research on them. Additional activities of the group included occupational interviews, career word hunts, writing "favorite class" paragraphs, preparing resumes, and filling out proper forms.

"The unit will help students to plan the necessary courses they wish to take as they look towards graduation," states Mrs. Colley.

As a part of the career unit the 10th graders make a tour of the Area Vocational School Center to consider the training offered there as part of their curriculum.



Custom changes over centuries

by Elaine Spicer

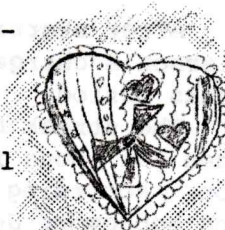
HOLIDAYS ARE NOW OFTEN CELEBRATED differently from the way they were in earlier times. Valentine's Day was once excitedly awaited because many interesting customs prevailed.

In the Middle Ages, it was traditional for English, Scottish, and French young people to assemble on the evening before Valentine's Day. Each boy drew from a bowl a slip of paper on which was written the name of a young lady. The girl whose name was on the paper became the holder's sweetheart for the year.

Gradually, the approach of Valentine's Day came to be heralded by the exchange of pretty sentiments written on scented paper and decorated with hearts, doves, Cupids, and other love tokens.

In 1797, The Young Man's Valentine Writer, a book of poetry, was published. It contained a collection of verses and valentine sentiments which could be copied and presented to "My Valentine." The young women received their be-ribboned scraps of paper, lace, and fancy words with trembling hands. The verses were not mere sentiments to them; they were actual declarations of true love from their beaux who created the cards.

Although styles differ, the true message itself has not changed. To this day, the air on Feb. 14 is filled with one question: "Will you be my Valentine?"



Holiday named for bishop

by Elaine Spicer

No one is really sure of the true origin of Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Most authorities agree that the special day is named for St. Valentine, who is known as "the lover's saint."

According to legend, St. Valentine was a Christian Bishop in the 3rd Century after the death of Christ. Emperor Claudius decreed it illegal to be married because he thought married men made bad soldiers since they hated leaving their wives. Since good soldiers were necessary for good warfare, the Emperor decided to abolish marriage.

In spite of the decree, the good priest Valentine offered to secretly wed young lovers. When the Emperor discovered this, he had Valentine dragged to prison where he died "a martyr to love."

When Valentine was made a saint, the church allotted his death-day, Feb. 14, to be his holiday. Roman youths for whom he gave his life set aside that day to honor him. If this popular story is, indeed, as true as it seems, it is to the good priest that we owe the creation of "Valentine's Day, "the day for lovers."

Ground hog sees shadow

When is the sun a bad sign? According to old folk tales if the sun appears on Feb. 2, winter will last six more weeks.

The popular myth states that the groundhog wakes from his winter's sleep on this day to decide his and the world's weather fate.

If the sun is shining and the woodchuck sees his shadow, he will go back in his hole expecting more winter. However, if the day is cloudy, he will stay outside and await an early spring.

Contradicting predictions were forecast in the US on Feb. 2. In Alabaster, the southeast's prophet promised an early spring, while Arizona's woodchuck predicted a long winter.

To find out the accurate forecast, call the Weather Bureau!

Unlucky day casts suspicion

FRIDAY the 13th has been a dreaded day since the Middle Ages. However, the mass superstitions accompanying the origin of the day have separate linkings.

Friday has been thought to be unlucky for centuries. It is believed that ships which start journeys on Friday will never be seen again.

The number 13 also casts a cloud of bad luck. This superstition is associated with the Last Supper, when 13 were present.

"I hope Friday the 13th

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As a new year begins

Junior team ends season

by Scott Haynie

The Bullpups made an impressive showing in the Shelby County Tournament as they defeated Thompson 30-25 before being edged out by Pelham 37-35.

Against Thompson, the 'Pups had to fight back as the Warriors held a 3-point halftime lead.

"Good defense won it for us," comments Coach Charles Averhart.

Scoring

Derrick Stallworth	10
Damien Hines	7
Shane Baugh	4
Coty Jones	4
Doug Pate	3
Aaron Fulgham	2
(Steals: Jones 2; rebounds, Ashley Hudson 5)	

Pelham wins

In the Pelham game, MHS stayed alive throughout the game but fell short by 2 points at the buzzer.

Praising his team, Coach Averhart announced that Shane Baugh, Aaron Fulgham, and Derrick Stallworth had made All-County.

Coach had further praise for Ashley Hudson--"I think he is one of the best defensive guards in the county; he'll make a good addition to the B-Team next year."

Scoring

Pelham Game

Shane Baugh	11
A. Fulgham	8
Greg Cox	6
D. Stallworth	5
R. Smith	4
D. Hines	1

"I would like to thank everyone who supported the

Pups and helped us have a successful season as we finished with an 8-5 record," Coach adds.

Bad luck hounds Bulldogs

by Charles DeVinner

After starting 1987 with a 6-0 record, Coach Bobby Pierson's charges lost four basketball games in a two-week period.

The streak began at the Shelby County Tournament when the 'Dogs fell to Thompson a second time this season. According to Coach Pierson senior Slade Blackwell and sophomore John Moore turned in good performances against the eventual tournament winning Warriors who defeated MHS 91-68. Thompson later downed Vincent, small school champion, for the county title.

Bibb is too much

Less than a week later, the 'Dogs fell victim to another 5A rival Bibb County. The Choctaws, winning 68-54, held Bulldog all-stater Tommy Bivins to 11 points.

On Jan. 30 and 31, the MHSers experienced the third and fourth setbacks as they suffered back-to-back 2-point losses to Thompson and Billingsley.

Warriors disciplined

In the Thompson game, with Warrior starters Antonio and Elliot Bivins benched by Coach Thomas Johnson for disciplinary reasons for one quarter, Montevallo dominated the first half. The 'Dogs led by as many as 14 points before the Warriors pulled to within 7 (37-30) by halftime. In the second half, key turnovers and several "controversial" calls by officials allowed the Warriors to pull even and move ahead by 2 points.

Montevallo had one last chance to put the game into overtime but missed the shot with six seconds on the clock. Thompson won 68-66.

Seniors Tommy Bivins, Blackwell, Moore, and Floyd Richardson played "extremely well" says Coach Pierson.

Against Billingsley, sound defense was demonstrated as both teams struggled offensively against a host of blocked shots and steals. The 'Dogs stayed close to the Bears throughout the game but with the score locked at 65, Billingsley took possession and fired a last-second shot to win 67-65.

Ladies close regular season

by Amy Bice

Determination was evident as Coach Johnye Horton's Lady Bulldogs recently put together six wins to only two losses. They began the streak by devouring the Briarwood Lions 52-22. Senior Meg Perkins led all scorers with 19 points.

Next the Bulldogs took an easy 41-33 victory over Childersburg. Perkins and Latrece Gaddis contributed 16 and 13 points respectively for the win.

Revenge for an earlier loss was a factor as the Ladies pulled together to down the 10th ranked Pelham Panthers 37-35. Gaddis was top scorer with 14 points.

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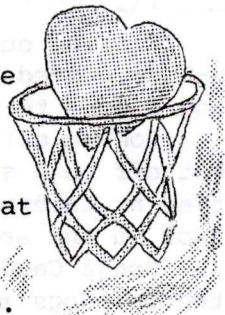
Bulldogs prepare for state playoffs

by Scorekeeper Susie DeMent

FROM HERE ON IN for high school basketball teams all over the state of Alabama, every game points to a STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE.

Montevallo vs. Jemison at Jemison, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, is the first game on the Bulldogs' schedule that could take them to the "Big one" in Tuscaloosa March 5. Dallas County and Shelby County play at 6:00 on the same night in the first round of the AREA 6 Tournament at Jemison. Tuesday night's winners play Friday night (at Jemison), with both teams advancing to Sub-State action as AREA 6 winner and runner-up.

In Sub-State play, AREA 6 champion hosts AREA 5 runner up Monday, Feb. 23, while AREA 6 runner-up travels to the home of AREA 5's winner. Winners of these games play winners from AREA 7 and 8 competition for a STATE BERTH. Teams included in AREA 5 are Beauford, Dadeville, Elmore County, Handley, Lanett, and Tallahassee.



Season ends (Cont.)

After winning three, the Ladies lost a heartbreaker to Thompson, 42-40. Gaddis and senior forward Dana Hayes hit 11 points each.

The "Dogs began another streak by crushing Shelby County 35-18, with Gaddis leading again with 11.

After defeating the Wildcats, MHS got revenge on the Thompson Warriors in a 34-33 win to take the title for large schools.

Tournament Summary

Shelby County Game

	Ast	Reb	Pts
Perkins	-	-	9
Gaddis	-	-	11
Nivins	-	-	9
Hayes	4	5	3
Connell	2	-	3

Thompson Game

Perkins	-	7	14
Gaddis	-	6	6
Nivins	3	10	10
Connell	5	-	-
Hayes	2	4	4

Chelsea wins

Chelsea's Sheller Burdett, tournament's MVP, led the 5th ranked 3A Hornets to a 36-33 victory over MHS to capture Shelby County's championship.

Perkins and Hayes paced the 'Dogs with 10 apiece.

Cagers close on winning note

by Charles DeVinner

"We needed these games bad!" commented Coach Bobby Pierson after his team rebounded from a three - game losing streak to defeat Calera 74-71, Wetumpka 104-94, and Briarwood 83-57.

Calera took a commanding 11-point lead before the Bulldogs came alive to lead by one at halftime. Crucial free throws late in the match by Floyd Richardson and Tommy Bivins secured a four-point lead as the 'Dogs took the 74-71 victory.

Blackwell breaks record

Senior Slade Blackwell with 19 points and a record-breaking 15 assists, had one of the best nights of his Bulldog career against Wetumpka according to Coach Pierson. The 15 assists broke the record held by Richardson, Danny Holmes ('86), and Slade at 13 last season.

"When we get five people in double figures, we usually win," comments Coach as Bivins, Blackwell, Paschel, Goldsmith, and Richardson all hit in double digits.

Briarwood falls

The 'Dogs ended the regular season by beating Briarwood 83-57 Tuesday night.

Statistics

	Reb.	Assts.	Steals	Pts.
F. Richardson	3	6	4	6
K. Harrell	-	2	1	6
C. DeVinner	-	-	1	7
E. McCord	1	-	-	0
S. Blackwell	11	8	5	16
T.L. Bivins	10	3	1	27
R. Mann	5	-	-	0
M. McClain	-	1	-	0
D. Paschel	9	4	1	17
W. Goldsmith	3	-	2	2
J. Moore	-	1	-	2

Post season plays begins Feb. 17. (See story above)

B-Team finishes with victory

Closing out their season with an 18-6 record, the B-Team posted recent wins over Calera and Briarwood and a loss to the Wetumpka Indians.

Coming off a tough loss to Billingsley, the 'Dogs got off to a slow start against Calera. The score was tied at intermission at 16. But Montevallo took control in the second half to go on to a 41-27 victory.

Benji Gaddis, Tyron Goodwin, and Arthur McCray led the Bulldogs in the win.

Despite an impressive start, the 'Dogs gave up a 9-point lead in the second half as they fell to a strong Wetumpka team 66-49. Gaddis, Goodwin, and McCray were scoring leaders again.

Montevallo closed the season with an impressive 47-41 victory over Briarwood Tuesday night.

"This is the strongest B-Team we have had here since 1976," states Coach Richard Gilliam.

Bulldogs scalp Warriors

Montevallo's B team, under Coach Richard Gilliam, broke even in games with Thompson and Billingsley Jan. 30 and 31.

Against Thompson, the 'Dogs trailed 15-20 at the half, but took a 30-28 lead early in the third period and never looked back as they coasted to a 41-38 win.

Following the Thompson victory, the Bulldogs fell to Billingsley 37-26. Junior Tyron Goodwin scored half of his team's points to no avail as the Bears combined a steady offense and strong defense to win.

Scholars defeat faculty in practice round

Montevallo's Scholars Bowl team sharpened their skills for the county tournament by playing matches with Jess Lanier, McAdory, and the MHS faculty.

In a single round match at Jess Lanier, MHS's team consisting of James Acker, Lisa Lawley, Mike Mieure, and Daniel Potter, won 230-150. The B Team won 80-60.

The following week the A team defeated the faculty 325-60 during a special activity period.

Showmen win

Montevallo FFA members recently left the State Market Hog Show in Montgomery \$380 richer. Senior Dana Hayes' hog won first place honors and \$100.

"The show went well and I'm proud of our students' efforts," says FFA advisor Tony Berry.

Finally, on Feb. 3, both teams participated in a best-of-three match with McAdory. Montevallo's A Team won the first round 167-147.

Deprecia Moore and John Hardin led the B-Team to a 108-88 win in the second round. McAdory came on strong to win the final "mixed" round. "All of it was good practice," Coach Ann Parker comments.

Bus driver recalls past

After 21 years of service, bus driver Sarah Morris officially retired last month.

Along with her daily duties Mrs. Morris often drove band, basketball, volleyball, and FFA trips all over the state.

Mrs. Morris recalls her "worst experience" as having a blowout on a bridge while taking the band to Oak Grove.

She also remembers the coldest football games and certain band competitions.

"I enjoyed every minute of my years at MHS," comments Mrs. Morris.

FFAers initiate

Montevallo's FFA held Greenhand Day last Wednesday. Greenhands (first year ag students) and 49 upperclassmen participated in the annual event.

Greenhands had their hands dunked in green food coloring, along with a hand print on their shirts.

FFA members having had two or more years of ag can order Greenhands to do specific tasks under certain limitations.

Mr. Berry says, "It's a fun game for both Greenhands and upperclassmen."

Unlucky day-- (Cont.)

doesn't affect our upcoming football season, considering we start spring training Friday the 13th," says junior Scott Haynie.

On this day MHSers are warned not to walk under ladders and to be aware of black cats and tails-up pennies.

VALENTINE ADS



To: SPOTLIGHT SUPPORTERS

From: SPOTLIGHT STAFF

THANKS

for helping making our VALENTINE

ISSUE a success!

HAVE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Dear Venus:

YOU'VE MADE MY LIFE COMPLETE. You mean more to me than I could ever say or show. I hope you will always remember the good times like 6/6/86. I Love You Now and I Always Will!!

I YOU. ...G

ERIC, I just wanted to tell you that I LOVE YOU. Also, I don't want you to look up at the big dipper and forget.

I LOVE YOU! ...Joy

Gina and Haley,

DON'T SHOP TOO MUCH, 'Cause Butch is Waiting!! ...Freddy

Office Aides,

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!
..Mrs. McCollough & Mrs.
Sloan

S.K.J.:

Together we can make it happen! I Love You.
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
...Munchkin

The Former Q-bop,

THANKS FOR BEING A GREAT FRIEND! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

The Former Positoes

Kara,

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!
Thanks for Being such a SPECIAL FRIEND.
...Tena

Big Mouth:

How's the C's been treating you lately?

DA:Really

FEEL,

Thanks for a fun five months. You're a really great guy, dearie!!!

The Ticklish One!!

SPS II--

Have a VERY MERRY VALENTINE'S DAY!
...Slade

Karen, Glenda, Tracy, and Tracey--

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!
.....Tomi

The Camden Crew,

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!
Hope to See You Real Soon.

...John

Kristie P.

I am watching U! I can't wait to make you mine!
...Your Mystery Lover

My Number One B---:

You're right! I always smile! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Tomi,

Hope you have a great V-Day! You're a sweet friend!

...Tracey Mc

All of our Closest Friends (in the mornings)--Have a GREAT V-DAY and REMEMBER WE LOVE YOU ALL!!
Michelle & Tina

D.D.

DID YOU ENJOY BJ & TEA TIME 3 J/K
...Santa Claus

LET'S GO BULLDOGS!
7 more games

Are on our slate--
And that many wins--
Will give us STATE!

Scorekeeper Who BELIEVES

Sawyer, You are dirty and have no friends!

...Guess Who!

Raren, You're a real special friend!





HAPPY V-DAY!

Former Positoes



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Space Heather HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! (Anonymous)	Mike, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I LOVE YOU! Dana	NEISE-- HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! to a great Sis! I Love You. Your Brother Dale
Peanut, Freddie, Candy, HAPPY FRIDAY THE 13th! VA	C.D., T.D., & B.H. Thanks for all of the times you helped me study. About Pervert Face--Don't push it!	Tracie C, Thanks for 5 long years! Want to go to Arby's Drive- Up again? ...Tonya
MADDIE, I don't know what to say but that I enjoy being with you and I'll always be there for you. I LOVE YOU, Dave	MUTHERED IN KISSES! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! ...Krispi	RABBIT, WANT A CARROT? Beat any Pink Panther meat lately? ...Guess Who
Alison McCollough, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! ...A Friend	SWING THE JABBING OF THE TROPHY THE CLOGGING OF THE TOILET ESPECIALLY CELLS #102 & #112 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! ...Juicy	Ree, Watson, Sand: Thanks for some AWESOME JAZZIN TIMES! I LOVE YOU GUYS! ...Keeter
Jimmie Lynn, I Love You, Sis. Thanks for Being There. I Hope We Can Make it Better than Ever. ...Michele	Juicy: SHOOT THE HOOP WITH UM BASKETBALL TEAM FH CRAIGY SHAWNO ...Krispi	All my Buddies: Thanks for always being there for me. HAPPY V-DAY! Love, F.F. 
Mike-- HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! Hope that you have a good one! ...Pam	Hassel, I Love Ya! I hope we stay friends FOREVER! ...TLM 	Jamie: I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU! ...Secret Admirer
Boris: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! Thanks for being such a good brother even though sometimes you're not! ..Sister	SHAWN You are very special to me! Noone will ever take your place! I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART! Love Ya, Betsy	Miss DeMent, Thanks for all your help, hard work, and advice HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Love, SPOTLIGHT STAFF
The "Pardner" Have a GREAT DAY! AEA! Where is the CUTTIN' MUSCLE? I Love You "Saw Breaker"	BOSS HUOMA SWEET HOUMA BAMA BAMA BAMA LOVE YA LOVE YA LOVE YA ...FOREVER GIRL	LM, LT, PS, PS, TR: THANKS FOR BEING GOOD FRIENDS! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. Love, Jeanise
LT, JM, LM, PS: HAPPY V-DAY TO SOME GREAT FRIENDS. BE GOOD AND STAY COOL. ...PC	Juicy, Bruised Knee Lost Keys Brick Wall Lost Truck What Fun! FH Cells #102 & 112 Bushes that taste like pea- nuts.Sis	J.R. THINKING OF YOU!! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! T.C.
Krispi: GOOD TIMES! LANDAL LAND Auburn-Georgia Weekend. "JIMMY JAM" "WHO'S JOHNNY" "AN-TONY" "DOIN' THE PUNCH- IN BAG"	David Addison, Thanks for all those limbos. I think I'm very in care with you, fella!!! ...Maddie	DeMent HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! ...Slade
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mom & Dad! LOVE YA ...John 		LADY BULLDOGS, HAPPY V-DAY! Let's win tomorrow. Yeah Buddy, 1-2- 3 YACKUM! ...Tena
		BALON HAPPY V-DAY! LOVE YA, Bubba 


VALENTINE ADS

TOMISINA and RAREN Thanks for being such special friends. Happy V-Day ...Glenda	KY HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Yea, That's It! Love, Tater	To My Sweetie, I LOVE YOU! ...Doug
SHERRY MORELAND Baby, I love you so much! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Scott Evans	Maddie and Dave HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Love, Raren	T.D. You are very Special to Me HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Love, S.W.
Jennifer C. Have A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Love Ya! LC	EWOK, I want to get to know you better--much better! I LOVE YOU. Dreamer	Barry, Wes, Tyron, & Hazan, I LOVE YOU LIKE BROTHERS!!! Love, Roni
JM, LT, DS, PC, TR, JL: THANKS for being such good friends. HAPPY V-DAY ...Lisa	Chris Spears & Ken Pickett HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY We Love You! ...Kim and Tanya	SE & MT Y'ALL ARE THE GREATEST! Remember All the Good Times! ...AB
To James-- A VERY SPECIAL GUY THAT I TRULY LOVE. ...Cecilia	Jimmie Lynn, You're all I needed to make my life complete. I LOVE YOU! ...Dale	Joy, Christi, Sandra, Cindy, Jodie, Kristi, Genie, Becky, Jennifer--I LOVE Y'ALL LIKE SISTERS. Your Brother BST
THIRD GRADE--107 You warm our hearts! To you with love from us! Mrs. C. and Mrs. B.	DH You are the MOST SPECIAL PERSON IN MY LIFE! ...Love, LB	JM, LM, & PS: Hey, Dudes! HAVE A GREAT DAY! SMILE! Jumpin' Jack Flash
Dr. Dave, You are MARVELOUS!	Heath, Thank you for Everything! I LOVE YOU! ...Jen	Becky, Kristie, Rebecca, Clare, Dana, Renee, Lauren, YOU ALL ARE THE BEST FRIENDS! Thanks for everything. Jen
Roy HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY I love you whole bunches! ...Mary Ann	Big D HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! From Big T	KRISTIE I hope you have A GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY!!!! Barry
Keith B., Did we embarrass you? ?? and ??	YANKEE DOODLE Hey Baby, It's a quarter 2 8 and I Feel I'm in the Mood. Love, ECHO	BARRY I hope you have A GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY!!!! Kristie
DP and PW You both are goober smacks Ha! Ha! Happy V-Day! ...Love, SR	To All My Montevallo "Pals." I MISS YOU! HAPPY V-DAY! Luv, S.W.	Teno--- GO, DEMON DEACONS! Signed: Who do you think?
Lisa, Tomi, and Tracey: Thanks for BEING SUCH GOOD FRIENDS!! ...RA	Dawn Harkins-- I've always loved you with all my heart! Love you, Scott Evans	Weeser, I hope you're saving your money for RED LOBSTER! I Love You. Kaiwa
DALE I Love You!! HAPPY V-DAY ..Sharmon	T.G. To a Very Special Friend, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Love, F.F.	Bacon, Joyce, & Suzanne HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, Little Sisters. With Love, Kara

Be My
Valentine

VALENTINE ADS



 <p>Pruk, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! ..You Know Who!</p>	<p>Keith Bearden, On the floor in Mr. Horton's Room. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! You know who!</p>	<p>Tracy, Seen any lumberjacks lately? Have you found "the" one yet? HAPPY V-DAY, Fellow airhead Lenny and Squeegy</p>
<p>John H., We LOVE YOU and we are PROUD OF YOU. Love, Your Parents</p>	<p>PETUNIA, Hang in there--I still LOVE YOU! He does, too. Love, Penelope</p>	<p>Al: RH was fun; SS was better; but you're the best. Love Ya, KM</p>
<p>Barry, I hope you have a Merry, Merry, Happy Valentine's Day. Love, ELCIE</p>	<p>LL--"What did you think I would do at this moment" Remember LEMO IN THE LIMO. Love ya, KM</p>	<p>HAPPY V-DAY GINA, HALEY, BUDDY WANNA GO TO HARDEES? Also: ALF AND ALICE RULE! ...Britt</p>
<p>Jennifer C. Have A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Love Ya! LC</p>	<p>HUDI--May your balls fly high. This one's for you. Your Brother, Mike Shotts</p>	<p>Deb, YOU are VERY SPECIAL to me and I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART! ...Daniel</p>
<p>Terry, THANKS for being there when I really needed a friend to talk to. I wish you a A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! "College Girl"</p>	<p>SARAH, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!! ...Ronnie</p>	<p>MOTHER, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! HEARTS & HUGS TO YOU!!!! ...Ronnie</p>
<p>Kerry, THANKS for being such a SPECIAL FRIEND! Love ya, Lisa</p>	<p>BL, LM, JM, CM, TR, PS, LT: Happy Valentine's Day! You're the BEST FRIENDS Any- one could have. Little Boris</p>	<p>Laura McCollough, HUGS AND KISSES!! ...Guess Who!</p>
<p>Michell and Jamie, I just wanted to wish my little sisters a HAPPY V- DAY. ...Lisa</p>	<p>SOPHELIA--You are a great sister! I know I can be a pain at times but you still put up with me. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!!!! Deprecia</p>	<p>JH-- JUST WANTED TO SAY YOU CAN EAT CRACKERS IN MY BED ANYTIME! Don't for- get I love you! ...Love always, ER</p>
<p>GINA THANKS for being a great Friend. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Love, Angie</p>	<p>WUSHA--Thanks for being such a great "brother." I never could have made the past months without you!POOKIE</p>	<p>AG, TC, LM, KD, AB, SS, DB, and TG: Thanks for being such A GOOD FRIEND!! I Love You! Kristie C.</p>
<p>Danny Kelly-- I've Liked you for 6 Months and I'm not going to stop. ...XXX</p>	<p>PIGGY and LEOTA-- I can't believe it. THANKS FOR BEING SUCH GOOD FRIENDS. Love, Raren</p>	<p>MHS TROUBADOURS, BULLDOGS & LADIES Congratulations on a GREAT YEAR. WE LOVE YOU! ..Mrs. Susan Carter</p>
<p>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, Mrs. Rancher. Your Secret Pal</p>	<p>THE SAWBREAKER-- Watch for AEA! Take care of the cuttin' muscle for me, and kill the bird! Guess what Gary and I have! Love, The Pardner</p>	<p>Sheila, Kristie C., Jodie, Christi, Stacey H., Stacey C., Danny, Hazan, Barry, Chris, Barry, Wes, Ken C., and Keith HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Love, Sandra</p>
<p>Penelope-- HAVE PATIENCE! BLONDIE WILL COME BACK! Petunia</p>	<p>BETSY--Well, you know VALEN- TINE'S DAY is very SPECIAL for us; and I want to say I LOVE YOU, Shawn</p>	



SPOTLIGHT



MONTEVALLO HIGH SCHOOL

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CREAM OF THE CROP

Students who made A's for the first semester are (Back, l-r) Karen MacPherson, Glenda Lawley, Ky MacPherson, and Tim Davies. (Front) Haley Russell, Angie Gerber, Rene Robertson, and Jennifer Yeager. (Not pictured: Kara Child, Lisa Lawley, and Tracy McElroy.) --Story p. 2

Musicians to compete in district trials

In their first competition of the year, the symphonic band will perform today at Shades Valley High School in Birmingham for District Contest.

Today's ratings will determine whether or not the band will participate in State Contest at Samford University in April.

Students are hoping for their seventeenth straight year of earning all superior ratings at District.

In order to make it to State, the group's hopes rest on today's recommendation from the three District judges.

Holiday nears

March 9-13 is the annual spring break at MHS.

School will resume its regular schedule on Monday, March 16 at 7:55 a.m.

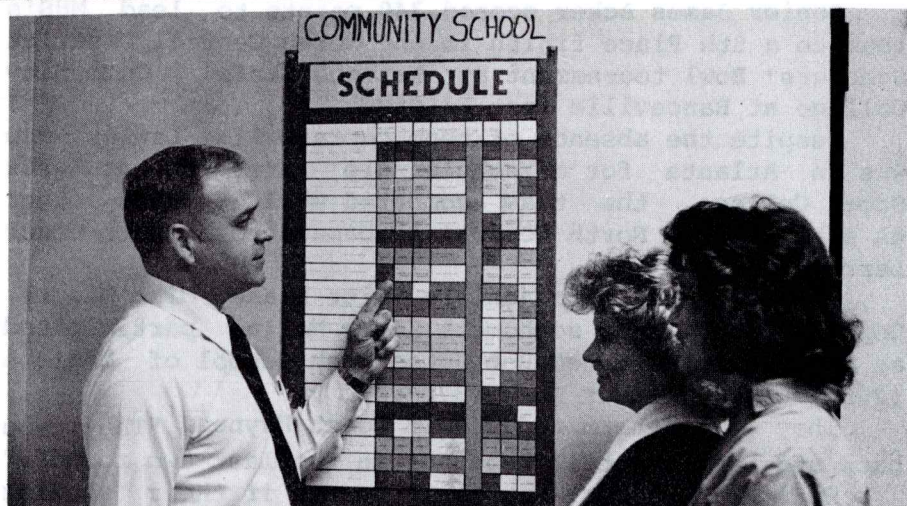
MHS to offer night classes

Montevallo will begin a community school program in March, with classes scheduled to meet at the three local schools.

The program will include some free classes, while others will have fees ranging from \$10 to \$40.

A complete list of possible classes which range from Aerobics to Investment Opportunities in Our New Tax Environment is given on Page 2. Anyone interested can contact the coordinator, Pauline Bouvier, at 665-7794.

According to MHS Principal Norman Payne, the program will provide an opportunity for people in the Montevallo area to better themselves in subjects in which they have a special interest.



TAKE YOUR PICK

Principal Norman Payne shows the new community school schedule to seniors Janine Brasher and Pamela Creel.

NHS cites top achievers

"I know of no man who has ever achieved success without the presence of hard work."--Booker T. Washington, a former slave who founded Tuskegee Institute.

Hard work paid off for 11 MHSers who made A averages (90 and above) in all subjects taken during the first semester. They are: seniors Kara Child and Lisa Lawley; juniors Glenda Lawley, Karen MacPherson, and Tracy McElroy; sophomores Angie Gerber, Ky MacPherson, and Haley Russell; and freshmen Tim Davies, Renee Robertson, and Jennifer Yeager. Forty nine earned A-B honors.

To encourage academic excellence, MHS's Honor Society under sponsorship of Counselor Colleen Colley, gives ribbons to those students making honor roll.

Since 1962, as part of an Awards Day program, MHS has presented school letters to students who maintain an A average for one year (last semester of the previous year and first semester of the current year). The tradition will continue next May according to Awards Day chairman Susie DeMent who designed the letter and helped initiate the awarding of the academic letter.

School offers variety

Courses to be offered at Community School if enough people are interested are listed below:

Art for Children, \$40 fee, supplies included. Ballet for Children, \$20/1 day; \$25/twice a week. Creative Dramatics for Kids, \$30; Aerobics, \$30. Sewing (Beginning) \$30. Typing, \$40. Modeling and Self Improvement, \$30. Indian Cooking, \$30. English Smocking, \$25. Community Band, \$30. Tole Painting, \$30. Cross Stitch on sweaters, \$10. Investment Opportunities in our New Tax Environment, \$15. Flower Arranging, \$20. Knitting (Beginning), Free.

Scholars rank high in contest

Senior James Acker scored 340 points to lead MHS's team to a 5th Place finish in the North Central District Scholars' Bowl tournament at Wallace State Community College at Hanceville last Friday.

Despite the absence of team captain Lisa Lawley, who was in Atlanta for a scholarship interview at Agnes Scott College, the team competed well against other 4A schools from North Central Alabama according to Coach Larry Haynes.

James, along with juniors Britt Blake, Mike Mieure, Deprecia Moore, and sophomore Kerry Meline participated as Montevallo defeated Bob Jones High School of Madison (250-190) and Locust Fork (370-90).

"They were determined," said Coach Haynes. "They came back and really put it together in the last two rounds."

Team members must now await to see if their showing at Wallace State will qualify them for State Tournament at UAB in May. The next district match is scheduled at Snead State in Boaz, April 17.

Classes plan for next year

Although 14 weeks remain in the school year, students are already planning for 1987-88.

On March 4, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will list courses they plan to take next year on a scantron form. After the forms are analyzed, classes will be scheduled.

"Prior to pre-registration, each class will have been reminded of the courses they need to take for the coming year," says Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

Mrs. Colley recently completed individual conferences with sophomores regarding courses for the 11th and 12th grades.

Today, freshmen will discuss graduation requirements during their World Geography classes. Juniors will meet in the auditorium at 10:30 next Monday to plan their schedules.

Team competes at Huffman High

Valentine's Day is not thought of as a time to do math; however, MHS's math teams competed with over 20 schools in the Huffman High School Math Tournament Feb. 14.

Three MHS teams consisting of Algebra I, Algebra II, and comprehensive math participated in the event.

Comprehensive math is a combination of Algebra I and II and Geometry.

Accompanied by Coach Doug Morris, 13 students competed on the three teams.

"Huffman is a very tough tournament, but we did well," states math teacher Doug Morris.

EDITORIALS



Thanks for pitching in!

Band cited for effort

We wish the symphonic band "good luck" as it competes in District contest today. This could be an unprecedented seventeenth consecutive year for the group to receive permission to advance to State competition.

These musicians have worked hard in past months; and if the recommendation for State is achieved, they will continue to do so in preparation for the ultimate goal of straight superior ratings at the state level.

Band director Jim Weese is also to be commended for his efforts. He is always available to work with band members if they have difficulty, and he practices with his beginner and intermediate pupils.

We are proud of the band's previous achievements and anxiously anticipate word of today's results.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Plan a safe vacation

For many students across Alabama AEA means vacation and a fun-filled week without the hustle and bustle of homework, classes, tests, and school bells.

Trips to the beach, the mountains, and to visit relatives are in the plans of students. This is a reminder to tell everyone to be careful while traveling and having fun. Wear your seat belts and avoid drinking and driving.

Staff appreciates help

THANKS ARE EXTENDED to all of the people who contributed to the special Valentine's Day sales conducted by SPOTLIGHT staff. We earned over \$300, which will enable us to have more pictures and an overall better paper.

Many students helped deliver the 71 carnations and 79 balloons. Freshmen Lisa Boothe and Stephanie Lucas; senior Staci Hayes; and sophomores Wendy Boothe, Lauren Colley, Jennifer Dawson, Mary Ann Ray, Lynn Russell, and Lynette Smitherman worked very hard during different periods of the day. As a result, confusion was held to a minimum.

Once again, we thank everyone who gave us a hand or an order for a Valentine.

Prevention saves lives

Members of MHS's Student Council should be commended for their current campaign in the school against drinking and driving.

The group, led by president Kara Child, has placed posters around the school concerning the problem and recently showed a film in the auditorium during the break on the subject.

Because of their initiative and work, lives could be saved in the future.

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Ladies close winning season

After ending the season with a 36 - 33 loss to Chelsea, Coach Johnye Horton's Lady Bulldogs came back to defeat Dadeville in first round sub state play 48-38.

Junior guard Latrece Gaddis netted 20 points, while senior forward Tena Niven aided with 6 assists.

In second round play, MHS fell to the Beauregard Hornets, 51-39. Gaddis and senior forward Meg Perkins each scored 13 points.

Tournament Stats

(2 games)

	RB	Ast	Stl	Pts
S.Connell	4	2	4	7
M.Perkins	10	4	2	30
L.Gaddis	10	3	1	35
D.Hayes	5	2	7	4
T.Niven	9	12	2	8
S.Lilly	0	0	0	1
S.Farrington	2	1	1	1

Before advancing to sub-state play, the Ladies defeated Jemison 45-33 to win the Area 6, 4A title

Junior guard Sonia Connell was voted MVP and Dana Hayes and Perkins made the all-tournament team.

Coach Horton, assisted by Ruth Perkins (MHS '83), guided the Lady Bulldogs to a 17-9 season in this his first year at the post.

To get the nod for State

One down and one to go

Tonight, the basketball team (19-9) entertains the Eutaw Vikings (17-7) in the final sub-state game. The winner from tonight's match advances to the State playoffs in Tuscaloosa March 5-7, while the loser closes out the season.

Montevallo advanced to tonight's game by defeating the Panthers of Lanett 74-61 Tuesday night. The Vikings defeated Carbon Hill for their place in this final round sub-state game.

Every game is a must says Coach

"This (the game) was just a victory," says Coach Bobby Pierson about the Lanett game. "During this particular part of the season, the most important thing is the 'W' column, for if you don't win--that's it!"

Getting a slow start against Lanett, the Bulldogs trailed by 2 in the early moments of the first quarter. However, by the end of the period the score was locked at 14 all.

'Dogs get going

Second quarter action began as a defensive struggle, but the 'Dogs pulled together to go on top by 8 at halftime.

Hunting time nears

Turkey season is the last hunting season many outdoorsmen have to look forward to.

Shelby County's season is March 20-April 25.

Both shotguns--10 gauge or smaller and long bows can be used when hunting turkey; no rifles can be used. The use of decoys and stalking with dogs is prohibited.

Seniors Slade Blackwell and Floyd Richardson kept the fans on their feet during the second half with their precision outside shooting and steals.

Senior Tommy Bivins, who was named Metro Player of the Week after the Area 6 win, kept the lanes under control with inside power and decisive rebounding.

Sophomore John Moore also drew Coach's praise.

Game stats

	Rb	Ast	Stl	Pts
F.Richardson	5	4	6	17
K.Harrell	2	5	3	1
T.Bivins	12	0	5	31
S.Blackwell	4	9	3	21
R.Mann	3	2	0	0
D.Paschel	7	2	0	2
J.Moore	1	0	0	2

Tonight's game is scheduled for 7 o'clock in the Susie DeMent Gymnasium.

Squad starts off-season work

Although football season is over six months away, Coach Richard Gilliam's gridmen are presently in the middle of spring training.

Eleven who will be seniors next year are returning for their final year. These young men who helped set a 6-4 record in '86 and are expected to provide "solid leadership" this fall are: Wes Anderson, Jerry Brasher, Scott Haynie, Gary Johnson, Shawn Johnston, Hassel Kromer, Eric McCord, Johnny McNeel, Hazan Monk, Barry Studdard, and Gray Taff.

Spring workouts include fundamentals, stance, snap count, shuffle stepping, and timed running.

Baseball team sets goals

Baseball practices officially began Feb. 9. After tryouts, Coach Kenny Brown selected 25 players--17 are returnees from last year's team. Their record was 10-12.

Members of the squad are seniors Danny Kelly, Chris Sawyer, Matt Adams, and Gray Randall; juniors Heath Galloway and Tyron Goodwin; sophomores Mike Swords, Tim Nabors, Greg Dailey, Jeff Roper, Steve Burdett, Arthur McCray, Mike Allen, Drew Floyd, and Richard Tripp.

Freshmen are Todd Davis, Chris Spears, Coty Jones, Robert Smith, Ward Lott, Shane Baugh, Patrick Thomas, Ralph Vogel, Richard Brown, and Bobby Hendon.

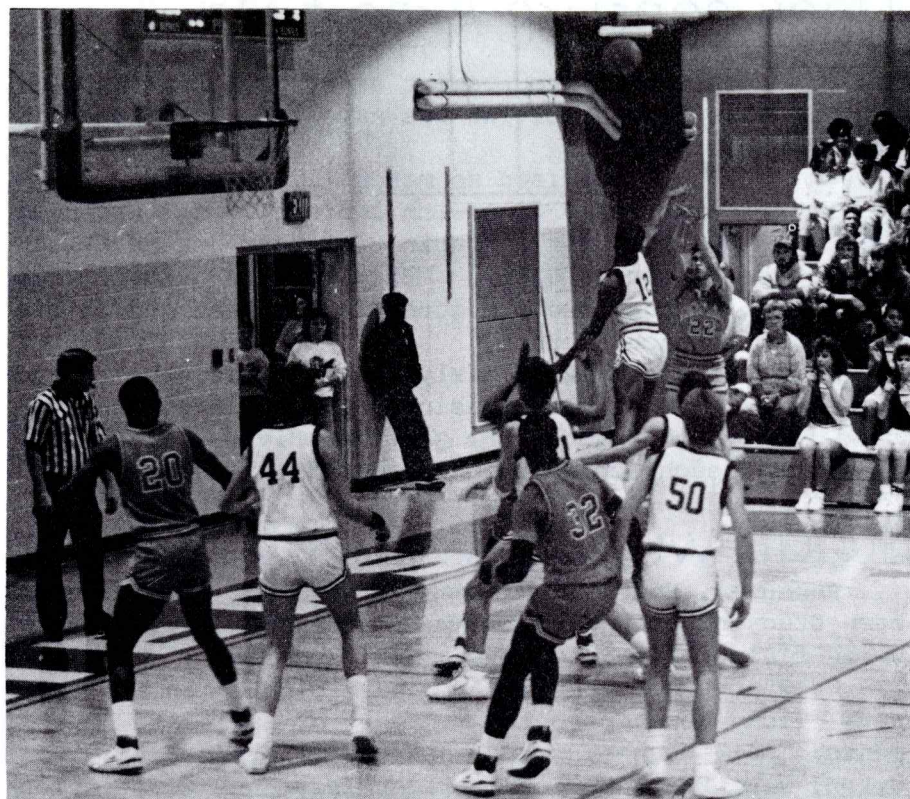
"We have two goals--to break .500 and to win the area championship," says Coach Brown.

"If our pitching comes through, we have a good chance of accomplishing both of them."

Lady Bulldogs get ready for 'slow pitch' season

Girls have started softball practice for the upcoming season with Phys Ed teacher Dot Bishop and University of Montevallo student Lisa Shumate as their coaches.

"We plan to play slow pitch ball this year to get the girls started but we're going to try to go to fast pitch next season," says Miss Bishop.



SHOOT FOR TWO

Guard Slade Blackwell shoots over Panthers as Tommy Bivins (20) and Demetrius Paschel (32) wait to rebound.

'Dogs capture Area title

by Charles DeVinner

Big wins over Jemison (102-59) and Dallas County (77-66) in the Area 6, 4A Tournament at Jemison last week advanced Montevallo to Sub-State play. (Story p. 6)

"This was a fantastic win," exclaimed Coach Bobby Pierson after his team's 77-66 victory over the Hornets of Dallas County to capture the Area title for a third consecutive year.

Hornets swarm

The first minutes of the championship match went to the Hornets as they scored first and went out to a 14-6 lead. But tenacious defensive play and good shooting from Tommy Bivins (29 for the night) and Demetrius Paschel (16) earned the 'Dogs a 6-point lead by the end of the first quarter.

Bulldogs claim final period

Later the Bulldogs stretched the advantage to a 17-point spread and led 38-24 at halftime. But the sting-ers came on strong in the third period and whittled the lead to 5 late in the quarter. However, the fourth period belonged to Montevallo as the 'Dogs outscored the Hornets 22-16 for the 77-66 win.

Bivins, most valuable

Bivins, Slade Blackwell, Paschel, and Floyd Richardson (Cont. p. 6)

'Dogs capture Area title --(Cont.)

were named on the all-tournament team; and for the second time this season, Bivins was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Jemison no match

In the first round game with Jemison, the Bulldogs broke the 100 mark for a fourth time this season, wallowing the Panthers 102-59. "This was the victory we had to have to continue our quest for an area and state title," says Coach Pierson.

Going out front 12-4 early in the game, the 'Dogs were ahead 50-24 at intermission. Coach Pierson substituted freely throughout the game as Bivins, Blackwell, and Paschel each scored over 20 points.

Group welcomes visitors

Recently, Home and Personal Management classes have been studying managing money, independent living, and being financially able to support themselves.

Guest speakers invited to participate in the unit were Vicky Rowe, property manager of Applegate Apartments; Mary Hughes, Merchant and Planters Bank; Ron Upton, Vice President of American Insurance Corporation, Helen Johnson, First Real Estate; Heidi Tyre, Account Executive of Thompson McKinnon.

Class renovates

Montevallo's agriculture department has received internal improvements with a fresh coat of paint and a new ceiling in the classroom.

FFA advisor Tony Berry headed the project with his 5th period ag class. Earlier work included new light fixtures.

"The classroom really looks nice with all the projects completed," says Mr. Berry.

"The whole idea was to let students receive some first hand information from the experts about real life," explains home ec teacher Rose Ellen Hankins.

Senior Matt Adams comments, "I thoroughly enjoyed the course and I think it helped everyone in the class."

Annuals finished

The publications staff sent in the last picture section for the MONTALA last week. The annuals should return in May.

Seniors order invitations

As graduation nears, seniors have been involved in several traditional activities.

On Feb. 17, they ordered invitations, name cards, memory books, and thank-you notes.

The previous day, senior English classes visited the Montevallo Twin Theatre to view the movie of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

"Watching the movie of Macbeth allowed us to put the play we read earlier into perspective," states senior James Acker.

Juniors prepare for ACT testing

Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley met with juniors Tuesday to discuss ACT registration. Many of the juniors will be taking the test April 11 and June 13 at the University of Montevallo.

To help students prepare for the test, phys ed teacher Dot Bishop will be conducting an ACT workshop where students will be able to use computer programs to quiz themselves.

Research due

Ms. Barbara Belisle's college prep English class has just completed a busy week. After reading Shakespeare's Hamlet, students began working on research papers.

The class was periodically checked on their progress. Ms. Belisle checked note cards, sources, and a rough draft.

The papers are due today, Feb. 27.

Students explore new areas

Spring break, March 9-13, means going out of town for most people. Many MHSers retreat to the beaches of Florida or to the mountains of Tennessee.

However, at least two students plan to leave the country. Senior Amy Bice will be going to Cancun, Mexico, while junior Andy Ballard will travel to Switzerland, Hungary, and Austria. He will also ride the Orient Express.

"I think it will be exciting, fun, and educational," comments Andy.



FIRST-PLACE WINNERS

Senior Mike Hamilton, freshman Jill Lawley, sophomore Gina McGiboney, and junior Lee Test took top honors in Montevallo High School's Science Fair last week.

Science Fair winners named

Last week Montevallo High School hosted a school-wide science fair.

Categories of Biology, Physical Science, Chemistry, and Health were represented by 154 students.

Winners (first to third) in each category were: Biology--Gina McGiboney, Kara Child, and Heath Galloway; Chemistry--Jill Lawley, Elaine Spicer, and Cathy Anderson; Health--Lee Test, Victor Turner, and Treasure Ingels; Physical Science--Mike Hamilton, John Hardin, and Tena Niven.

The top two winners in
(Cont. p. 2)

MHS cites driver

Retiring bus driver Sarah Morris was honored at a reception in MHS's lunchroom last week. Educators from the Shelby County Board of Education, including Superintendent Ellie Glasscox and former Superintendent Elvin Hill, attended the event.

Although in most cases it would be rare to honor a bus driver, the general consensus revealed that Mrs. Morris was no "ordinary" driver.

"Mrs. Morris loves MHS," said Transportation Director Braxton Baker. "She is the type of bus driver you can call at two o'clock in the morning to pick up a kid in Auburn and she'd be on her way in an hour."

Principal Norman Payne, who presented Mrs. Morris with a watch as a gift from the school, continued the praise. "Mrs. Morris is a

(Cont. p. 2)



SUPER BUS DRIVER

Superintendent Ellie Glasscox praises bus driver Sarah Morris while Transportation Director Braxton Baker listens in approval.

Musicians continue tradition

Montevallo's concert band has done it again. For the seventeenth straight year the band has qualified for state competition after attaining superior ratings at district competition at Shades Valley High School.

The group will also participate in the Tenth Annual University of Montevallo Concert Band Concert in Palmer Hall on Saturday, April 4, at 3 p.m. The award's ceremony will occur at approximately 5 p.m.

Ten MHSers will attend Solo and Ensemble Contest tomorrow. These students will play solos and/or various ensembles for judges who will rate their performances. Participants who achieve superior ratings will receive medals.

Many students will also take part in All-County Band trials Monday, April 6, beginning at 4 p.m. Prospective members must sight read, play scales and arpeggios, and perform a solo. Seventh through ninth graders will be in Junior High Band, while students in grades 10-12 will be in Senior High. Both bands will practice three times then hold a concert Saturday, April 25. Members who attend all practices and the performance will receive medals from the All-County officials.

Students plan future classes

Although there are ten weeks left in the school year, MHSers preregistered for the next year's schedule before AEA. They chose seven classes and one alternative.

Schedules will be done by computer for the first time this year.

Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley will take the information from the Scantron sheets which the students filled out to form a master schedule.

Students will review schedules for conflicts or needed changes. When the corrections have been made, the computer will place students in classes.

"We hope that by doing it this way, every schedule will be finished by May," says Mrs. Colley.

Books finished

Publications students are working on the final set of proofs. Annuals will return in May.

It's News Downtown

UM solutes classic films

March 25-28 is UM Shakespeare Film Festival Week. Many films have been shown during the week, including THE TEMPEST, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, APPROACHES TO HAMLET, and HAMLET.

Tonight KING LEAR will be shown at 7 p.m. Tomorrow, MACBETH is scheduled for 1 p.m. and RICHARD III at 3 p.m.

Next Monday the University of Montevallo will present the Richard Hiram Dollar Concert series.

Featured in the produc-

Winners - - - (Cont.)

Each category will represent MHS in the Central Regional Fair Apr. 3 at UAB. Two overall winners in the Regional Fair will go with their teachers to the International Science Fair in San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 10-16.

"Chemistry and biology teacher Carol Czerw comments, "Our winners have a good chance of placing well in the Region."

Driver cited--(Cont.)

dedicated bus driver who has driven lots of trips without pay. Everyone in the Montevallo School System will miss her deeply."

"I enjoyed every minute of my years at MHS," commented Mrs. Morris in acknowledging the praise. "I am going to miss everyone very much."



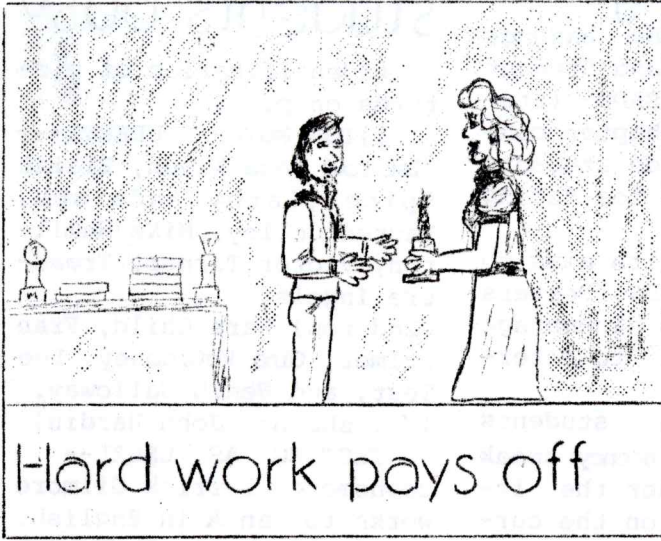
tion are Harry McAfee on trumpet; Beth McAfee, pianist; and Chris Byars, percussionist. The UM Chamber Choir will accompany the three musicians.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Monday, March 30, the University of Montevallo is sponsoring a program dealing with teenage pregnancy.

The program, Pregnancy in Youth, will start at 3:30 p.m., at the UM Home Economics Building.

EDITORIALS



Team earns cheers

This past basketball season was a spectacular one at MHS. The Bulldogs won twenty games and went all the way to the state playoffs despite the fact they were playing in 4A competition for the first time.

We commend Coach Bobby Pierson and the team on their hard work and accomplishments. We also congratulate seniors Slade Blackwell and Tommy Bivins for making the All-State Tournament Team.

Baseball underway

Now that warmer weather is approaching, it is time to turn our thoughts to baseball. We have high hopes that this will be one of the best seasons ever for Montevallo.

Our players have worked diligently since February in preparation for the season, and I encourage everyone to come out and support the team.

...Coach Ken Brown

Editorial policy

SPOTLIGHT invites all readers to express opinions in letters to the editor and endeavors to print all timely, non-libelous, non-obscene material.

Letters, which must be signed and received within a week of publication, can be given to SPOTLIGHT SPONSOR Larry Haynes or any staff member.

SC to give new honor

Beginning this year a new award will be given to one of the 29 Student Council representatives. Prospects must have displayed leadership, responsibility, sincerity, helpfulness, willingness, and a general respect for the school throughout the year.

The recipient will be chosen by the four Council officers. Homecoming and the drinking and driving program will be the two events that officers will concentrate on to make the selection.

This "Student Council Award" will give representatives an incentive to work hard all year. To be the top person among the representatives is an honor which each person on the Council should strive to achieve. (Kara Child, Pres.)

Teacher offers praises

I appreciate the opportunity to thank all those people who worked so hard to produce such a successful science fair. We had 154 entries.

I also extend my personal thanks to the entire student body for showing such maturity and interest as each student viewed their fellow students' work. It makes me proud to work in a school where students respect property and each other.

Carol Czerw, Science Teacher

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SC combats drunk driving

In an effort to educate students about the hazards of drunk-driving, Principal Norman Payne and Student Council President Kara Child have started a SADD (Students Against Drunk Drivers) chapter. The chapter consists of Student Council members and concerned students working together to combat this common problem facing high schools across the nation.

Several activities have been planned with aims to reduce drinking and driving incidents at MHS. Posters have been displayed around the school to discourage the action, and surveys have been sent out to determine how MHSers feel about the issue.

During a special assembly last Friday, students heard Mr. David H. lmes of a substance abuse agency speak about the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol. He offered information on the current DUI laws in Alabama, citing statistics concerning alcohol-related accidents and deaths.

Seniors catch 'the fever'

by Elaine Spicer

"I need air! Get me out of here!" this exclamation was recently made by senior Hoy Hughes. Similar statements can often be heard around MHS this time of year. However, of all the students in the school, seniors seem to be the most susceptible to "spring fever."

MHSers, especially those of the Class of '87, already seem to be exhibiting symptoms of the disease. Common signs of the sickness are; inability to speak coherently (especially when called upon during class), a habit of counting days and weeks, and a problem with staring out windows.

"I feel like the walls are closing in on me," comments senior Sharmon Russell. Many students seem to be preoccupied and unable to study because of the nice weather.

Although symptoms get worse as the weeks pass, the disease of spring has never proved fatal.

12 earn A's

Twelve MHSers made all A's for the fourth grading period; 43 made A/B's.

Students making the A honor roll are: freshman--Rebecca Blake; sophomores--Angie Gerber, Ky MacPherson;; juniors--Glenda Lawley; Karen MacPherson, Deprecia Moore; and seniors--Eric bearden, John Hardin, Lisa Lawley, Rhonda Murray, Meg Perkins, and Sheila Readal.

Spring keeps students busy

(Identification of pictures on p. 5)

1) TOP NOTCH STUDENTS--- (1st row) Tena Niven, Elaine Spicer, Cathy Anderson, Lauren Colley, Mike Hamilton, Victor Turner, Treasure Ingels.

(2nd row) Kara Child, Fran Fulmer, Gina McGiboney, Lee Test, and Heath Galloway. (Not shown: John Hardin)

TESTING AS USUAL-- sophomore Derrick Gilmore works for an A in English.

3) BATTER UP--Sophomore Lynn Russell and freshman Lisa Boothe await the next pitch.

4) SMILE, YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA--Home Ec student hostesses and county officials gather for photographs.

5) OLD FRIENDS--Mr. Elvin Hill, Sarah Morris, and Mrs. Hill reflect on old times.

6) SOAKING UP RAYS--Junior Kristie Pate, Joy Hayes, Barry Studdard, and Cindy Robbins enjoy the warm weather.

7) ARE YOU SURE?--Scholars' Bowl team members discuss questions.

8) SURPRISE!--Principal Norman Payne watches as Mrs. Morris opens gift.

Hughes, MacPherson rate in math

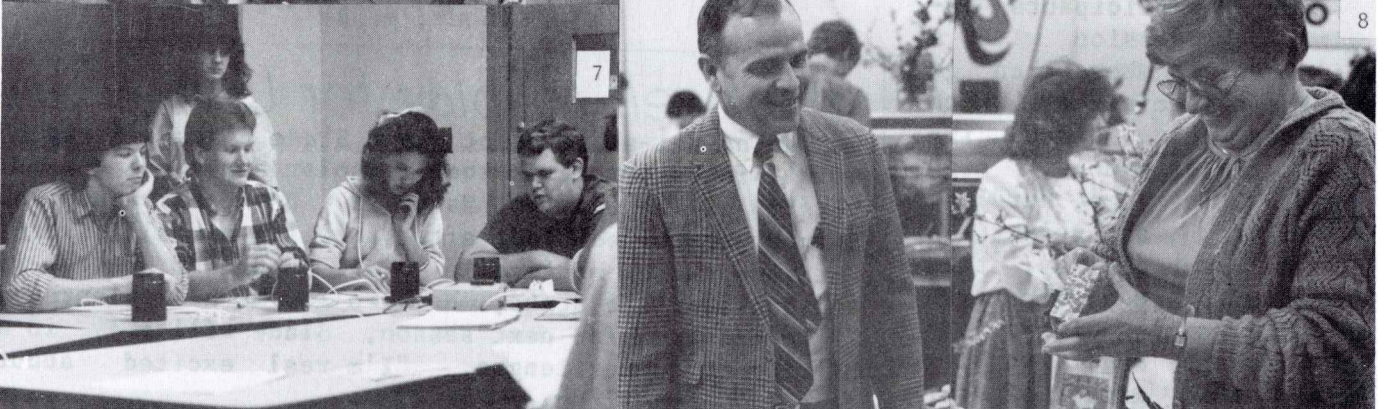
Montevallo's math department recently received good news concerning MHSers' performances on the National High School Math Exam (NHSME).

"For the first time since I began giving the NHSME in the mid '70's, I had not one but two students qualify to take the American Invitational Math Exam (AIME)," said math teacher Doug Morris.

Eighth grader Jason Hughes and sophomore Ky MacPherson achieved the honor after taking the NHSME. They made a qualifying score on the NHSME which advanced them to take the AIME along with other top math students across the nation.

Luncheons, projects, tests, and tryouts

MHS comes alive with a flurry of activities



Season starts for Bulldogs

Baseball season is now underway. Coach Ken Brown's squad features returning starters Greg Dailey, Heath Galloway, Danny Kelly, Gray Randall, and Chris Sawyer.

Pitching promises to be improved this year with Matt Adams, Steven Burdett, Galloway, Tyron Goodwin, Kelly, Jeff Roper, Sawyer, and Robert Smith all taking turns on the mound.

"We have a young team that will improve with experience," comments Coach Brown.

Here is the schedule for March-April.

Mar. 28 Maplesville-T

31 Calera-T

Apr. 2 Calera-H

6 Jemison-H

9 Shelby Co.-H

11 Thompson-T

14 Dallas Co.-H

16 Shelby Co.-T

17 Billingsley-H

20 Jemison-T

22 Pelham-T

23 Dallas Co.-T

28 West Blocton-T

30 Chelsea-H

Runners get set

Montevallo's track team, headed by Coach Kevin Hancock, began practicing in February.

The 20 participants begin each session with a mile run. Members then go to their specialties, which include shot, discus, inside field events, high jump, long jump, hurdles, 40-yd. dash, and relays.

To finish the day, they run a mile around Orr Park.

"I'm looking forward to the season and working with this group of students," says Coach Hancock.

Posting a 4-4 record

'Dogs overcome early losses

by Charles DeVinner

After an opening loss, Montevallo's baseball team has improved steadily over the past two weeks.

The Bulldogs recorded their first loss at UM's Johnson Field at the hands of Vincent, 6-2. First game jitters took its toll on the 'Dog baserunners. Coach Kenny Brown termed the loss as "depressing," due to the walks and stranded runners on base. Derrick Kidd was winning pitcher; Danny Kelly got the loss for MHS.

'Dogs win big

A little of the 'Dogs' chemistry was captured in the following match against the same opponent, but this time it was the 'Dogs who came out on top, 10-2.

"We had great pitching by Tyron Goodwin and good hitting," commented Coach Brown on his first win. Coach added that heads-up play by both Kelly and Goodwin was instrumental in the high scoring match.

Briarwood zaps MHS

Briarwood's Lions continued their domination of the 'Dogs in an afternoon game. The Lions won 10-0 as Kelly was held from action due to a pre-game eye injury.

"This was just another case of the Briarwood jinx," remarked Coach Brown.

Freshman Robert Smith was losing pitcher.

Following the Briarwood loss, things got rougher for the 'Dogs as they fell to Vincent a second time 8-4. "Steven Burdett pitched a good game in the losing effort, but outfield errors were costly," explained Coach Brown. Goodwin paced the 'Dogs at bat with the first homerun of the year.

'Dogs blank Hornets

Behind the pitching of Jeff Roper, Montevallo got on the winning track to wallop the Chelsea Hornets 10 - 0. Heath Galloway hit the Bulldogs' second homerun.

Coach Brown's charges continued to improve as they rode to a 7-2 victory over the Bibb County Choctaws behind the pitching of Goodwin. The 'Dogs collected five runs off four hits in the first two innings as they silenced "pro-prospect" Lamar Foster, who had to have relief as the third inning began.

No walks, good defense, and key hits at the right
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Blackwell to play for UM

Senior all-state point guard Slade Blackwell signed a full four-year basketball scholarship with the University of Montevallo March 22. UM Head Coach Rob Spivery recruited Slade after scouting him all season.

Slade chose Montevallo over Auburn of Montgomery and Jacksonville State, who also sought his talents.

To prepare for next season, Slade will play in a Birmingham summer league. "I'm real excited about it all," says Slade.

Basketball season ends

The clock struck midnight for the Cinderella Bulldogs in the first round of the State 4A playoffs in Tuscaloosa, ending a 20-10 season for MHS.

Coach Bobby Pierson's charges fought head to head with the No. 1 ranked **Keith Bears** before losing 67-65.

Bears start quick

Getting the upperhand early, the Bears pulled to an 8-point lead before the 'Dogs got within 6 (23-17) at the end of the first period. Second quarter action saw MHS outscore Keith 23-15. Paced by Slade Blackwell's and Floyd Richardson's dazzling outside shots and a stingy defense, the 'Dogs took a 40-38 halftime lead.

Battle evens up

Keith wasted no time in locking the score at 40 as the third quarter began. The second half from there on in was a see-saw battle with neither team able to dominate enough for victory.

With 80 ticks left on the clock, Keith overcame a 5-point Montevallo lead to go ahead by 1 with 9 seconds remaining in the game. One last chance fell short as senior forward Demetrius Paschel's final shot fell in and out of the basket.

Blackwell led all scorers with 23 points and 8 assists; Tommy Bivins contributed 20 points and blocked 6 Keith shots.

Keith was defeated the following night by Alexandria who lost in the finals to Livingston.



MUTUAL RESPECT

Seniors **Slade Blackwell** and **Tommy Bivins** shake hands after both were named All-Tournament at State.

Cogers win honors

Two members of the Bulldog basketball team won special recognition at the State 4A Basketball Tournament in Tuscaloosa.

For the second year in a row (even though they played in only one game), seniors Slade Blackwell and Tommy Bivins caught the eyes of coaches and the media and were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Blackwell led the 'Dogs with 23 points and 8 assists, while Bivins added 20 points and blocked 6 shots in the 'Dogs' 67-65 loss to Keith.

Both won the honor last year at Auburn when MHS was in Class 3A.



AFTER-SCHOOL AEROBICS?

Cheerleader candidates prepare routines for today's tryouts.

For cheering job

Candidates face judges

The "big moment" has arrived for the 18 students who are trying out for the 1987-88 cheerleading squad. Three unbiased judges will select 8 cheerleaders and 2 alternates from the group of hopefuls.

The potential cheerers have practiced after school every day for two and a half hours for the past two weeks. They have been working on jumps, cheers, and dances. Senior cheerleaders Cathy Anderson, Kara Child, and Cecilia Rutledge instructed the group.

"Tryouts are open today after school to people who are willing to be quiet and respectful," says Kara.

Committees plan for NHS

Montevallo's National Honor Society is presently working on several projects. Members have divided into committees: social activities, 8th grade orientation, fund-raising, tapping, and teacher appreciation. Each group is responsible for organizing projects on their own with advice from guidance counselor Colleen Colley.

The tapping committee will be responsible for getting speakers, setting up the auditorium, ordering flowers, and purchasing candles for the induction ceremony.

Eighth grade orientation sets up the date incoming freshmen will visit MHS for the first time. Committee members will also take 8th graders on a tour and will work in the lunchroom to serve the future freshmen.

Fund-raising committee members will plan projects to raise money for the organization.

The social committee is working on a party for the group, while the teacher appreciation group is making plans to show their gratitude to the faculty for their hard work and dedication.

Critic's Corner

Critic recommends new film

(Elaine Spicer)

TIN MEN, starring Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito, centers on the revenge war between two aluminum siding salesmen (who call themselves "tin men") whose Cadillacs collide in 1963 Baltimore. Dreyfuss and DeVito portray their obnoxious, childish, and relentless characters to the hilt. The dialogue is fast and funny and the acting is great. There is even a bit of a love story added.

Director Barry Levinson also directed 1982's DINER and the films are slightly similar, though TIN MEN is more mature and humorous. Fans of DeVito and Dreyfuss are in for a treat, as the two are better than they have ever been.

The sound track features performances by the Fine Young Cannibals, as well as such greats as Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra.

The Birmingham News' "Marquee" gives a Cinema Score Rating of B+ for the movie which grossed \$4.3 million in its first two weeks. The rated R film is currently being shown exclusively at Hoover Square.

Girls lose softball opener

Montevallo's Lady Bulldogs played their first softball game against the Pelham Panthers at Orr Park this week. Despite the Bulldogs' determination, the more experienced Panthers swept the doubleheader 14-5, 9-0.

"Considering we have a young team with only two seniors, I think the girls played well," comments Coach Dot Bishop. "As the season progresses, the girls should become better with experience."

MES takes field trips

Students at Montevallo Elementary School have been traveling since the end of the spring break.

On March 20-21 ERC students went to Huntsville to take part in the Olympics of the Mind Contest.

Tuesday, the 1st grade went on a train trip from Birmingham to Tuscaloosa and back.

Today kindergartners are taking a trip to the Birmingham Zoo.

The MESers are also involved with a candy sale. Chocolate bunnies and eggs can be bought for \$3.00.

'Dogs overcome - (cont.)

time" led to the win according to Coach Brown.

Thompson wins

Despite the 5-2 loss, Coach Brown was pleased with his team's efforts as Thompson's Warriors proved too much for the 'Dogs.

The score was locked at one until the fifth inning when the Warriors scored three. "This was the best game for us against Thompson in two years," stated Coach Brown.

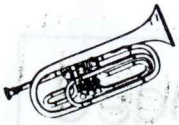
In a rain-delayed game with Thorsby Tuesday, the 'Dogs jumped on the Rebels early, trouncing them 12-2.

Burdett got the win as the 'Dogs ran their record to 4-4.

Bivins honored

Senior Tommy Bivins has been named as a candidate for McDonald's All American Basketball Team.

Bivins' 27 points and 9 rebounds average qualified him for the honor.



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MHS, Calera to unite

Superintendent Ellie Glasscox announced at last night's meeting of the Shelby County Board of Education that Montevallo and Calera High Schools will close at the end of the 1987-88 school year. After the announcement, Mr. Glasscox revealed the Board's plan to consolidate the schools. The new school combining the two will be located next to the new shopping mall on Hwy. 25. (See story p. 2.)

SPOTLIGHT has learned that the University of Montevallo has agreed to purchase the land on which MHS is presently situated in order to have another dorm for students, a small, unmarried faculty "dorm," an extra cafeteria for the two dorms, and a special luncheon hall with a built-in kitchen.

Calera High's building will accommodate elementary and middle school students, while Montevallo Middle School and Montevallo Elementary will remain as they are.

Exact specifications for the school have not been decided, but there are plans for a large concert hall, a gymnasium that seats approximately 2,000 people, and a heated, Olympic-size swimming pools. Officials are undecided about the mascot and school colors.



PLANNING STAGES

Principal Norman Payne looks over the layout for the new school with Vice Principal Doug Morris and Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

Band bound for capitol

Move over President Reagan!

Washington, D.C., is the destination for the symphonic band as they travel to the First Annual American National Concert Band Competition Monday, May 11.

Recommendations were sent to the National Band Council by band directors and judicators from across the state.

Montevallo was chosen to compete by representatives from the Council on the basis of reputation, District Contest ratings, and an exhibition tape.

In preparation for the performance against 51 other groups, the band will practice two hours daily after school and "indefinitely" on weekends.

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PLEASANT SURPRISE

Band Council representative Larry Leberte (right) congratulates a smiling Jim Weese on the MHS's band selection for competition while Jennifer Lawley and Betsy Weese look on.

Students eat off campus

Starting Monday, April 16, fourth period will be re-scheduled to allow students to have a lunch hour instead of the traditional lunch period. During this hour, students will be able to leave campus to go downtown or home to eat lunch. They will have to return to school on time to resume afternoon classes.

Students who fail to return on time after lunch will be forced to stay on campus for an entire week and eat in the lunchroom or bring a sack lunch.

"This is only an experiment," says Principal Norman Payne. "If it doesn't work out, we will go back to our old schedule."

Byrd wins big money

Junior Lance Byrd went all the way to the FFA national contest winning 2nd place with his 2,100 lbs. 6 ft. Limousine steer.

The contest, held in New York, took place at the Roy Rogers Coliseum.

Lance won \$5,000, an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles, and an automatic feeding system from Nutrena Feeds.

"I was really surprised at Lance's winning," says ag teacher Tony Berry. "That was one of the worst steers I've ever seen."

Band travels-(Cont.)

They will play District Contest music (Father of Victory, Suite Italienne, and March and Procession of Bacchus) along with five other pieces.

The students will make the five-day trip on Shelby County school buses.

Scheduled activities include attending a Washington Capitals' hockey game, meeting President and Mrs. Reagan, touring the White House, an excursion to the Library of Congress, and shopping trips.

Scholars are Europe bound

Montevallo's state champion Scholars' Bowl team will go to Europe for the World Bowl next month. The group will leave May 11 and will return May 19.

Teams from Russia, Japan, Italy, and Africa will compete. All-staters James and Lisa Acker, who were wed last week in a private ceremony, will lead the MHS team. MHSers wishing to attend the event will be excused from school if they wish to pay the \$800 travel fee.

"This is an excellent opportunity for us to compete with teams from all over the world and honeymoon at the same time," comments Lisa.

It's News Downtown

New mall to locate in city

Montevallo Mayor Ralph Sears announced recently that construction will begin in May on a new shopping Mall for Montevallo.

The mall, which will compete with Riverchase's Galleria, will be located near the new high school on Hgwy. 25. A name is yet to be selected.

Stores already signed to locate are Piggly Wiggley, Bill's Dollar Store, Kentucky Fried Chicken, as well as some new additions including Bargain Town, K-Mart, and Walmart.

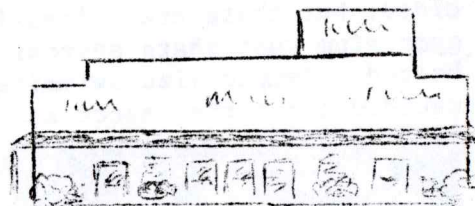
If construction goes

Prom changed

Due to a lack of funds, the '87 Junior Senior Prom will be held in the MHS auditorium instead of the Birmingham Hyatt House.

Music will be furnished by Coach Bobby Pierson and math teacher Doug Morris.

Prom pictures will be made by the annual staff and lunchroom ladies will cater the May 3 event.



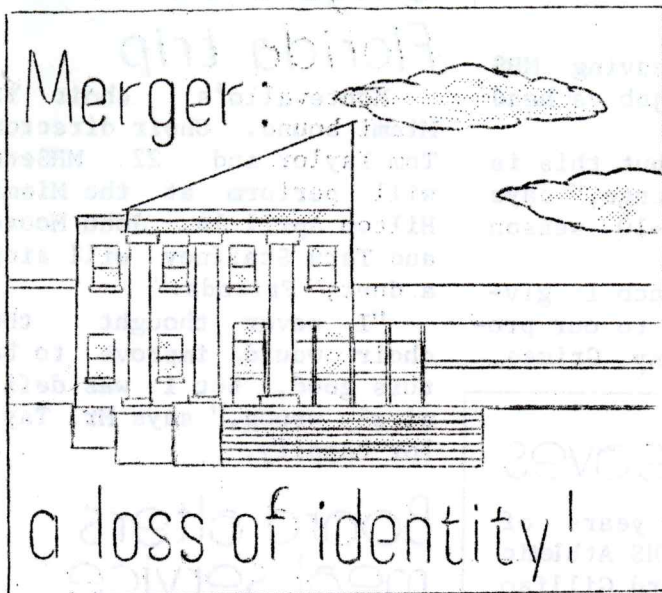
as planned, the mall will open in August 1988.

Last night Norman Darden, SGA president at University of Montevallo, announced that three major rock groups will take part in an outdoor "Jam Festival" at UM's College Lake on April 19.

Bon Jovi, the Temptations, and Alice Cooper will perform. Tickets are now on sale at Palmer Hall.

"This is one of the biggest events ever to come to Montevallo," says sophomore Andrea Daniels.

EDITORIALS



Opposition rises

Six periods return

This past week, students were shocked to hear that all Shelby County high schools would be returning to the six period day next year. Due to the fact that students will be unable to fix their schedules, we feel that this change is absurd. Even the seven period day is not adequate enough for students to schedule important classes. I feel that an eight period day would be better. More academic periods will allow students to acquire their credits faster and have time to work or take college classes.

Many students believe that this is the best solution to the problem. Hopefully, the Board will reverse their decision on the six-period day.

New holidays sought

Snow days have always been eagerly awaited by MHSers. County administrators should consider including "Sun Days" in next year's school calendar.

Sun Day holidays could be announced much like the current Snow Days. Whenever the weather promises to be warm and sunny, students may tune into the radio or TV station.

Stations can announce names of the schools that will close for the Sun day. Conditions for a Sun Day are: a warm sunny day, no clouds in the sky, and usually on a Monday.

There may be a total of five Sun Days allotted to each school year. These days will be good times for students to go outside and relax in the sun without having to worry about school work.

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All reports in this issue are fictitious. Students who read and believe them are true APRIL FOOLS.

Coach will be missed

Very seldom does a high school coach get the opportunity to coach on the major college level. However, MHS's Bobby Pierson recently accepted the position as head basketball coach at the University of Maryland.

Although Coach Pierson will be deeply missed by MHSers, his influence and class will live on in our minds. He has served unselfishly in his capacity, and we congratulate him on the promotion.

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Pierson gets promotion

Basketball Coach Bobby Pierson will be leaving MHS at the end of the year to start his new job as head coach at the University of Maryland.

"I have enjoyed my years at Montevallo, but this is a tremendous challenge, and I like a challenge," says Coach Pierson who led the Bulldogs to a 20-10 season and a state play-off berth this year.

"Pierson's dedication and desire to coach in given situations will make him a valuable asset to our program," says Maryland's Athletic Director Denny Grimes.

Morris to grow hair

Math teacher Doug Morris was recently chosen, along with 12 other Alabamians, to take part in a nationwide test of the experimental drug minodrixiel, a hair-growing drug.

"I felt more hair would give me a more youthful appearance," said Mr. Morris. Treatment is scheduled to begin April 7.

The drug minodrixiel was once used to control high blood pressure, but in recent years, it has gained recognition for its hair-growth potential.

Gilliam leaves

After 18 years of coaching at MHS Athletic Director Richard Gilliam is hanging up his whistle to go into administration.

Special ed teacher Robert Bellah has been named Athletic Director and head football coach.

"I've always wanted to be a head coach on the high school level," comments Mr. Bellah. "I'm looking forward to working with such a fine group of young men."

Singers earn Florida trip

Montevallo's choir is Miami bound. Choir director Tom Taylor and 22 MHSers will perform at the Miami Hilton April 14. John Moore and Tara Staffney will sing a duet, "Friends."

"I never thought the choir would improve to be this good, but I was definitely wrong," says Mr. Taylor happily.

Board alters meal service

Full restaurant service with waiters and waitresses will be offered in Shelby County Schools next year.

Under the new plan, adopted by the Board of Education, students will be given a menu with a choice of three meals. Hamburger or chicken filet, french fries, and salad will make up one selection. Diners may also choose fried chicken or turkey, mashed potatoes, and rolls.

A final choice will be pizza and french fries. All meals will come with a choice of desserts and tea or milk.

"I'm looking forward to it; it will save time and energy," comments sophomore Lauren Colley.

Squad will compete out West

Montevallo's track team will fly to St. Louis on June 13 for the Presidential track meet for young high school runners.

Fifteen teams are randomly picked from each of the 50 states. Participants from each state will compete until the top three teams are decided. The top three from each state will compete to decide the winner.

First place is a full scholarship to any college for each team member who qualifies.

Second place is a \$500 bond to each member of the group; while third place winners will receive a 52-inch color remote control television.

"I am proud of them," says Coach Kevin Hancock.

Teachers plan to marry soon

English teacher Larry Haynes and science teacher Carol Czerw are making plans to elope next month. They plan to take a four-day cruise to the Caribbean for the honeymoon. There they will see the sites and on the final night, have a luau for more than 500 guests.

Upon return, they will live in his condominium in Birmingham. "It will be good to have a wife around the house to do the cooking, cleaning, and washing," says Mr. Haynes. "This will allow me more time to play tennis and basketball on the weekends."



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EASTER

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PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

As the prom approaches, senior John Mc-Millan gets measured for his tux by home economics student teacher Dawn Hopper. Seniors Eric Rochester and Chris Sawyer find the process amusing as they await their turn to be "sized up."

Class reveals plans

Invitations have been sent out for the Junior-Senior Prom.

The event, to be held at Birmingham's Hyatt House April 18, will last from 8:00 p.m. until midnight. Disc jockey Mark Dyer of Calera will provide the music for the dance, using the theme "For Always" by Atlantic Starr.

Rather than the usual heavier foods, the menu will include light snacks.

Regular plastic champagne glasses and small memory books will be souvenirs. Chaperones are junior class sponsors Barbara Belisle, Johnye Horton, and Heidi Ross.

Ms. Belisle comments, "I'm excited about the prom because it's being held at one of my favorite places." (Directions to the Hyatt House are given on P. 2.)

Band to perform at State

State competition time has arrived for MHS's symphonic band. The group will attend the contest Wednesday, April 22, at Samford University. They will play at one o'clock.

The band received recommendation for Atate Contest at Shades Valley's District Contest in February for the seventeenth consecutive year.

The symphonic group received three more superior scores April 3 at the University of Montevallo Concert and Contest. For the ninth year, the group captured the class-winner trophy. They also took first place in the overall competition for the first time since 1979.

Director Jim Weese notes, "So far, we have a clean slate; we've made ones all year long. We just hope we can do it next Wednesday at State."

Snow hits city

MHSers were shocked on Friday, April 3, when they awoke to learn that a freak snowstorm had hit Alabama, piling up six to nine inches in North Central Alabama.

According to the National Weather Service, this was the latest measurable snowfall ever recorded in Alabama.

Students will have to make up the lost day on May 8.

MHSers look forward to final holiday

Tomorrow, April 17, there will be no school for any Shelby County students. The day, Good Friday, will be the last inclement weather day for this school year.

After tomorrow's vacation, there will be no more days without classes until May 28--the last day of school. Seniors are now beginning the countdown to graduation. Exactly 29 days remain after today.

Musicians earn medals

Twenty-two Montevallo band students achieved positions in either the Junior or Senior High All County Band last week. Senior Meg Perkins (trumpet) and sophomore Angie Gerber (clarinet) earned first chair in the Senior High Band, and freshman Jamie Roberts (baritone saxophone) received first chair in the Junior Band.

Each student who attends all of next week's practice sessions (Thursday night, all day Friday, and Saturday morning), plus the concert performance on Saturday, April 25 at 7 p.m., in Palmer Hall, will receive a medal.

Ten MHSers earned 28 medals at Solo and Ensemble Contest in March. At Solo and Ensemble, each student is rated on performance and earns a medal for a superior score. Sophomores Angie Gerber, Caroline Harkins, and Betsy Weese received medals for solo performances.

Pop group to perform

"Windborn," a contemporary group will perform in the MHS auditorium at 7 p.m., April 23. Earlier in the day, MHSers will attend a pre-concert during an activity period.

Pizza and soft drinks will be served in the lunchroom at 6 p.m. before the concert.

"I appreciate the ministers in our area for sponsoring this concert for our spiritual growth in our community," says Principal Norman Payne.

"We are fortunate to get a group like "Windborn" and I think they will be a real asset to our community's spiritual needs," comments Rick Evans, Pastor of Enon Baptist Church.

Members of the group are Chuck Johnston, David Moore, Mack Warren, Bobby Redmund, and Randall Jones.

"We're looking forward to the opportunity to share our music and ministry with the MHS students," states Chuck Johnston.

Team to face last match

Next Thursday, in their final tournament of the year, the math team will challenge Calera, Jemison, Shelby County, and Thompson in the Shelby County Math Tournament.

"They have the potential to do well," comments math teacher Doug Morris.

Algebra I student Tim Davies, Algebra II student Jason Hughes, and advanced math student Steve Milstead will be key players in the hunt for an MHS victory.

Location given for prom-goers

Interested students and faculty members can get to the Hyatt House for the Junior-Senior Prom by following these directions:

Take I-65 North to Birmingham. At the junction with I-59/20, merge onto I-20, east toward Atlanta. Go approximately one-half mile and get off I-20 on the 22nd Street exit. Turn onto 22nd Street and go to the first traffic light and turn right again. Go one block and turn right on 21st St., Follow 21st Street under the interstate, and the Hyatt House will be on the right. (See map P. 3)

It's News Downtown

Eatery invites holiday hunters

Sunday, April 18, Jack's is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. and anyone can participate.

Finders of special colored red, green, blue, and yellow eggs will receive prizes from Jack's.

The University of Montevallo Art Department gallery in Bloch Hall will be full of exhibits from now

until the end of school.

Among the exhibits will be the second Bachelor of Fine Arts Student Exhibit, April 26-May 1.

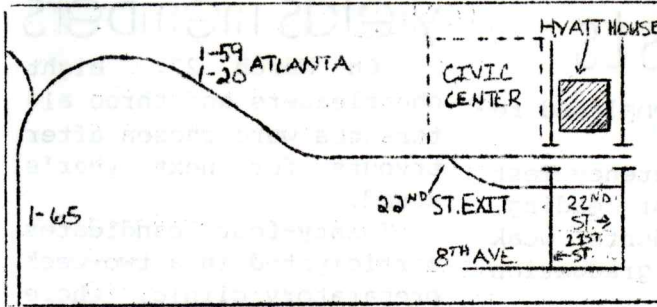
The UM Musical Theatre will present "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" April 16-18.

Setting for the comedy is three Roman houses.

The production, in Palmer, will begin at 8. Tickets can be bought at the door.



EDITORIALS



Take the right route!

Keep faith alive

The upcoming weekend is the second most celebrated holiday of the year. Children look forward to the Easter bunny while others celebrate with dinners and family get-togethers.

Most activities are held on Sunday, starting with a Sunrise Service followed by church services which often feature special music and other various types of programs.

But let us not forget the true meaning behind Easter--the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Prom safety stressed

As Prom time nears, safety should be in the minds of MHSers. Students should remember to wear their seat belts while traveling to and from the prom.

Many students will be driving home late, when falling asleep or becoming reckless are possibilities. Those who choose to drink (after the prom) should avoid driving. Be smart and let someone else have the wheel.

Remember these tips, have fun, and make the most of the special evening.

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Student voices concern

Dear Editor:

Recently, the Shelby County Board of Education voted to return to a six-period day. Although the seven-period day has been around for two years now, the Board obviously decided the system wasn't beneficial to students. Another reason for the change included the fact that many seniors did not have classes at the end of the day.

Personally, I enjoyed the seven period day. It allowed ample lunch time, a nice break, and boosted morale as students no longer felt the day drag on and on.

Fifty minute class periods also fit in nicely with the University of Montevallo's schedule. Because of this, many students were able to take classes there. Hopefully this policy won't be changed due to scheduling problems. Another consequence will be the necessity for students to be more careful about their schedule, remembering that 22 credits are still required.

Actually, the School Board's decision seems as though they did not consider every angle. For instance, at Pelham High the problem concerning the seniors' free time was solved by requiring everyone to take a certain number of courses every year, no matter what. Hopefully the Board will reconsider and possibly reinstate the seven-period day.

(Kerry Meline, Soph.)

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In 9th and 10th grades

Pupils take academic tests

Freshmen and sophomore classes recently completed required standardized tests.

Freshmen were administered the Basic Competency Test (BCT), used to measure basic skills in areas of reading, math, and language. It also reveals students' weak areas and areas that need improvement for the graduation exam.

Sophomores were taking the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT). This test is designed to measure students' upper ability in academic areas of English, Reading, Vocabulary, Social Studies, and Math. They also took the OLSAT (Otis-Lennon Student Ability Test) with the SAT. This test is to determine a student's ability to perform academically.

Counselor Colleen Colley comments, "I feel that the test administration was good, and we look forward to good results."

Twirlers vie for positions

Majorette tryouts will take place in the auditorium today after school. The seven who will go before the judges are Tracy Duren, Benetta Harrison, Joy Holladay, Genie Lightfoot, Jeanise Motes, Kristie Pate, and Lynette Smitherman.

The number to be chosen for next year's squad has not been determined.

During the past two weeks, candidates have been working on a clinic routine, basics, and individual routines. The clinic has been taught by 1986-87 head Lisa Lawley.

SC calls election

Sign-up for Student Council officers will be next week. Eligibility requirements are:

- 1) an overall 80 average
- 2) SC representative for at least one year
- 3) approved by faculty
- 4) president and treasurer candidates have to be upcoming seniors
- 5) vice president and secretary have to be upcoming juniors.

Countdown is on!

Only 29 days remain before the senior class of '87 exits MHS for the final time.

Seniors are busy making plans as to what their future will include. The group will leave MHS with shattered records and many memorable events.

Actors to present play

After-school practice for "Absolutely Murder," the Drama Club's spring production, began April 7.

The cast, consisting mostly of seniors, is: Eric Bearden, Amy Bice, Britt Blake, Kara Child, Stephanie Edwards, Hoy Hughes, Alison McCollough, Mike Mieure, Steve Milstead, Rhonda Murray, Tanya Rovelstad, Cecilia Rutledge, Elaine Spicer, and Tara Staffney.

"It is a longer play than we usually do, and it will require a lot of time and dedication," remarks sponsor Barbara Belisle.

The play will be presented May 19.

Cheering clinic yields members

On March 27, eight cheerleaders and three alternates were chosen after tryouts for next year's squad.

Twenty-four candidates participated in a two-week preparatory clinic, where they learned jumps, cheers, and a dance.

The clinic was directed by senior cheerleaders Kara Child, Cathy Anderson, and Cecilia Rutledge.

New squad members are sophomore Valorie Herron (head); juniors Christi Hale, Joy Hayes, Lynn Morgan, Cindy Robbins, Sandra Sloan, Lauren Colley, and Michele Holcomb.

Alternates are sophomores Suzanne Child, Amy Glosson, and freshman Rebecca Blake.

"The new squad is very talented and should work well together," comments current head Kara Child.

PTO cites seniors

Seniors and their parents are invited to the April 21 PTO meeting when all MHS seniors will be honored. Honorees will introduce their parents and reveal future plans.

Dr. Bill Hamer will be guest speaker.

Festivities include eggs

by Sherry Yeager

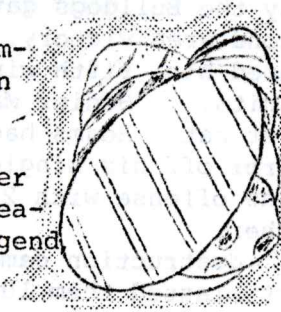
Why have eggs become well-known symbols of the Easter holiday? To begin with, the egg has always been a symbol of resurrection--the seed of new life.

In many parts of the world on Easter Sunday, eggs were served as the main feature of the meal. According to one legend, if one did not eat eggs on Easter, he would be bitten by snakes during the following year.

The practice of coloring eggs began as a way to express the joy of new life. However, another theory states that the colors served as a reminder of the blood Christ shed.

Europeans added much to help the Easter egg traditions survive. Edward I of England had 400 eggs boiled, stained, and covered with gold for members of the royal household; and in other European countries, egg decorations became a fine art.

In the United States, rolling eggs on the White House lawn became an American tradition after the practice began during the 1809-1817 term of James Madison. According to historians, Madison's stepson told his mother a story of Egyptians who rolled eggs against the pyramids. After hearing his tale, First Lady Dolly Madison agreed to allow children to use the White House lawn for the same purpose.



Holiday offers mixed interest

To many farmers, it is the first day of planting season; to students in Shelby County it provides a vacation from school. However, Good Friday marks the beginning of the Easter weekend.

It is recognized as the anniversary day of the crucifixion and death of Christ. Observances vary from simple commemorations through the set services (sometimes festal) of Protestants, and the special liturgies of the Eastern churches, to the elaborate ceremonies of the Roman Missal.

Roman Missal services for Good Friday are usually celebrated around 3 p.m., the traditional hour of Christ's death.

Despite the sad occasion of Christ's death, the day is looked upon by most observers as a day of hope which led to the resurrection on Easter morning.

MMS team places in meets

Montevallo Middle School's 8th grade math team earned fourth place in state competition at the University of Alabama last week. Eighth grader Jason Hughes won first place individual in the state and will represent Alabama in Washington a second year.

Earlier, the team (Shannon Fletcher, Hughes, Alisa MacPherson, and Michael McClain) received second place in district which advanced them to state.

Survey reveals prom plans

According to a recent SPOTLIGHT poll, most guys at the 1987 Junior-Senior Prom will be wearing black pants and jackets, accessorized with pink or blue ties and cummerbunds, while their dates will grace the dance floor in Pink tea- or full-length gowns. Other popular colors include black, white, and various shades of blue. Only a few guys will wear "tails."

The Fifth Quarter and Baby Doe's will be popular spots to eat, and most students will dine before the big event.

The majority of juniors and seniors prefer a romantic evening, alone with their dates, while several students will go stag, on a double-date, or with a group of friends.

An average of \$200-\$300 will be spent by each couple for this one evening. With the costs of tuxedo rental, dress purchase, flowers, food, transportation, and pictures, most students agree that this is a fairly reasonable price.

Plans for after the Prom include going out with friends, eating, and just plain "partying."

'Dogs win, lose in busy week

by Charles DeVinner

Good defense and batting by the Bulldogs gave them a 4-0 win over Jemison for a second area victory.

Junior Tyron Goodwin captured his fifth win, striking out 7 and allowing but 3 hits. Senior Matt Adams and Danny Kelly led the 'Dogs at bat. Adams had 2 rbi's with 1 hit, while Kelly had 1 rbi off his single. Junior Heath Galloway also added to the offense with 2 runs.

Mike Stone was losing pitcher.

In their next game, total destruction came to the Bulldogs as Thompson's Warriors blasted them 10-0.

Adams, (on the mound all the way for MHS) took the loss.

Score by inning

MHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
THS	5	0	3	0	2	10

Runners make good showing

MHS's track team placed well last Saturday in a relay meet at Briarwood. Dothan High captured the winners' trophy, followed by Briarwood, Vincent, MHS, and Altamont.

Sophomore Derrick Gilmore and junior Shawn Johnston placed 3rd in the shot-put and discus.

Junior Hazan Monk and senior Slade Blackwell also captured 3rd place in the long jump.

Montevallo's team began its season against Briarwood, Moody, and Walker County April 3.

Although the 'Dogs finished third overall, several individuals turned in good performances:

Gilmore, shot-put- 3rd; Blackwell, long jump-2nd, mile-3rd; junior Sandra Sloan, girls' mile- 3rd; freshman Renee Robinson, 880 run-2nd.

Coach Kevin Hancock says, "I think if we can get the right people in the right place, we'll do well.:"

With early victories

Team tunes up for area foes

by Charles DeVinner

Before entering Area play, the Bulldogs' baseball team sharpened their skills by defeating Thorsby 12-2, Shelby County 8-6, and splitting with Maplesville in a doubleheader 8-4, 6-7.

Burdett gets win

Against Thorsby, Bulldog pitcher sophomore Steve Burdett, with relief from Tyron Goodwin, picked up his first win. Junior Heath Galloway led the offense batting 2-2 to knock in 3 runs.

Due to a Calera cancellation, the Bulldogs played a practice match with Shelby County. Burdett and Robert Smith shared mound duties to dispose of the Wildcats 8-6.

After completing two matches with Maplesville, Coach Kenny Brown stated, "We played just good enough to win. We played well in spots."

In the Maplesville doubleheader, Goodwin got the win, with Matt Adams leading the 'Dogs at the plate with 4-4.

Despite an all out effort by the 'Dogs, Maplesville came back to win the nightcap 7-6.

Score by inning

Mpls	003	001	0	4
MHS	100	700	0	8

Mpls	300	220	x	7
MHS	310	000	2	6

Hulks invade

Wrestle mania will come to MHS Friday, April 24, when several pro wrestlers go head on.

The event, to be held in Susie DeMent Gym, will be sponsored by the band boosters.

MHSers will be given a sneak preview during activity period the same day.

Wrestlers will also lead a discussion on drugs in athletics.

Loss drops MHS to tie in area

Tuesday, the 'Dogs suffered their first area loss at the hands of Dallas County. The Hornets put together 8 hits and almost error-free fielding and took advantage of 5 Bulldog errors in their 9-2 win.

With the loss, MHS (2-1) is now tied in area play with Jemison and Dallas.

Today the Bulldogs can break the tie when they face Shelby County at Columbiana at 4:00 p.m.

"We played one of the worst games of the season against Dallas," comments Coach Kenny Brown. "We had too many infield and mental errors. Maybe this will wake is up."



Mother's Day

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NHS to hold tap-in

Year-end activities will put the National Honor Society into full gear for the next two weeks. Wednesday, May 6, the group will induct new members. To be tapped in, persons must be 11th or 12th graders having an academic average of 85 or above, with no semester grade of F.

Prospective members are evaluated by six faculty members on qualities of leadership, service, and character. "The Honor Society tap-in is always an exciting time for recognizing excellence," comments sponsor Colleen Colley.

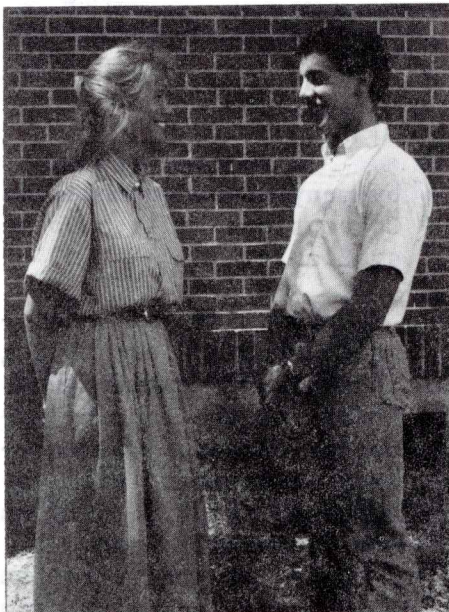
Also the Honor Society will hold its annual orientation for incoming freshmen May 15. An assembly will start the program with members talking on activities offered at MHS.

Afterwards, students will take tours of the school. Refreshments will be served in the lunchroom. "We are always glad to welcome the new 9th graders to MHS," says Mrs. Colley.



HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?

After a student meets the grade qualifications for National Honor Society at MHS, his/her record is then studied by Academic Committee members Bobby Pierson, Barbara Belisle, Colleen Colley, and Richard Gillingham before final approval for membership is given.



IT WAS A GOOD YEAR!

Outgoing Student Council president Kara Child discusses accomplishments with vice president David Grimes.

Blake captures SC post

Student Council elections for the 1987-88 school year were held Wednesday. Ballots were placed on Scantron sheets and students voted in homeroom.

Junior Britt Blake was automatically elected president since he was running unopposed.

Junior Christi Hale and sophomore Melissa Payne vied for the vice president's position.

Seeking the office of secretary were juniors Deprecia Moore and sophomore Suzanne Child.

Junior Steve Milstead takes over the treasurer's job as he was also unopposed in his bid for the office.

"We are excited about next year's officers," says Principal Norman Payne, SC sponsor.

"This will give them a chance to develop their leadership skills and implement their ideas into our school. With the caliber of people we have here at MHS, I feel any of them will do an excellent job."

21, 20, 19 days to go!

May has finally arrived. After 12 years of anticipation, the class of '87 is closing in on the ultimate goal, GRADUATION.

After today, there are only 19 school days left.

In State competition

Musicians earn top honors

Once again MHS's symphonic band has earned an overall superior rating from State Contest. The group received one superior and two excellent scores on stage, while earning another superior for sightreading, which totals an overall "one."

This is the first time since 1934 that the band has earned a superior score for which each member will receive a medal. MHS is the only school from Shelby County to achieve the honor this year.

The contest at Birmingham's Samford University was "very, very difficult this year," according to director Jim Weese. "I'm really proud because I feel--and everyone I've talked to feels--that this is the toughest State Contest in the history of Alabama. I'm really pleased with our ratings."

Of the 16 bands that played Wednesday, whose scores Mr. Weese has learned, only very few bands have earned straight ones.

Ky types 60 to take title

Sophomore Ky MacPherson literally raced away with the 1st year typing title this year.

In the contest to determine the fastest typists in 1st year classes, MacPherson averaged 60 net words per minute on the best of three timings on straight copy.

Junior Heath Galloway was 2nd with 42 wpm.

The Edwards sisters, sophomore Karen and senior Jan, took care of the girls' championships.

Karen (1st year) averaged 55 wpm, while Jan won the advanced division with 60. Jeanise Motes came in second in 1st year with 52.

Typing teacher Susie DeMent, who expresses pride in all the winners, comments, "Ky's speed is just terrific, and the best part about his work is that his production grades are tops also."

Blood Drive set

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive in the auditorium today.

The annual drive, co-sponsored by the Honor Society, is held to encourage students 17 years old or older to donate.

It's News Downtown

Annual event returns to park

Tonight begins the Bluegrass Festival at Brierfield Ironworks Park.

Activities will include Bluegrass bands and barbecue. The event will last through Sunday night.

Camping sites are available by reservation.

Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is Montevallo's annual Trade Day.

Many activities and exhibits from arts and crafts to yard-sale merchandise will be on hand.

Discounts will be given

Big day nears for standouts

Montevallo Middle School science teacher Emily Pendleton will be the featured speaker at Awards Day Friday, May 15.

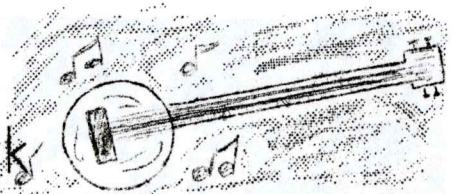
Outstanding students at MHS will be recognized for their achievements.

Honorees will be cited for academics, sports, citizenship, and leadership. Also included on the agenda will be the recognition of the valedictorian and salutatorian from the Class of '87.

"This is something we look forward to every year, and the honorees prepare for it all year," states Principal Norman Payne.

Business teacher Susie DeMent is coordinator of the event, while Mr. Payne presents the awards.

"This is one of the most outstanding awards programs I have ever been a part of," adds Mr. Payne.



by many downtown merchants. Concessions will also be available.

University of Montevallo students are taking their last examinations today as the spring semester closes. Commencement exercises will be tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. on the Flowerhill lawn.

Open pre-registration for summer school began April 20 and continues through June 1 at Morgan Hall. Summer session is June 12 - August 14.

EDITORIALS



Better Safe than Sorry!

Student Council Speaks

Group visits seminar

Three members of the MHS Student Council attended the United Student Council Association's annual spring Conference at Sheraton Perimeter Park in Mountain Brook, April 10-12. President Kara Child, with junior members Britt Blake and Cindy Robbins joined about thirty member schools from around the state for the meeting in Birmingham.

The conference consisted of seminars held at Hargis Christian Retreat, election of new state officers (president, vice president, secretary, parliamentarian, and host); and an honors banquet was held on the last night.

While attending the conference representatives were given the opportunity to exchange ideas with each other and to work together.

Every school cast a vote for each candidate during the election, which was very similar to our officer elections.

In addition, the conference provided a dance for the members. All in all, the conference, which was the main reason we joined USCA, proved to be a good enjoyable learning experience.

...Kara Child, President

Keep safety in mind

Today is the beginning of the Bluegrass Festival in Brierfield. To help in the safety of this weekend, a few tips might be remembered.

Drive safely when traveling to and from the festival and wear safety belts. While attending the program, avoid excessive drinking.

Also, practice good camping habits and don't be a litterbug. Keep all trash in garbage containers to help preserve the beauty of the park. These tips, if observed by all, will help everyone have a safe and fun weekend.

Students push limits

Now that warm weather is here, it seems a good time to review the County's Dress Code of Conduct.

Many students at MHS have been wearing clothing that is "illegal." The most popular, shorts and mini-skirts, are specifically prohibited as indicated on P. 9 of the Code of Conduct.

A few other fashions have been getting close to the limit. Often a student will wear something not mentioned in the Code but which obviously may not be worn.

Please review the Code of Conduct, abide by it, and save both students and faculty a lot of time and trouble.

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Judges select 6 twirlers

After two weeks of clinic and a pressure-filled day of tryouts, six majorettes were chosen for the 1987 season. These girls are Tracy Duren, Joy Holladay, Genie Lightfoot, Jeanise Motes, Kristie Pate, and Lynette Smitherman.

At tryouts, the candidates had to perform basic twirling skills, a group clinic routine, and an individual routine. The three judges were Sherrell McClure, Thompson; Ron Rooks, Clanton; Connie Shaw, West Blocton.

"I am very pleased with the results of tryouts, and I saw a lot of improvement from last year," states band director Jim Weese.

Juniors hear ghost author

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Barbara Belisle's advanced English 11 class visited Dr. Mike Mahan's Brierfield office to listen to the stories of Katherine Windham. Ms. Windham is the author of the well-known Jeffrey series of ghost stories.

She talked to the students about Southern superstitions, ghost stories, and "her ghost" Jeffrey. She travels all over the country telling such tales to young and old students.

Mrs. Belisle and Mr. Doug Morris accompanied the group on the trip.

School receives new benches

MHSers were surprised recently when the weather-beaten green benches on the front lawn were replaced with new benches, courtesy of FFA and the Montevallo Lions Club. "The Lions Club furnished the lumber, and the FFA classes built the benches," explains sophomore Steve Burdett.

The benches are made of treated wood; concrete was poured around the legs to stabilize them.

"These benches should be here for years to come," comments FFA advisor Tony Berry.

PTO honors seniors of '87

Montevallo PTO held its last meeting of this school year last week as a salute to graduating seniors. Dr. Bill Hamer of Protective Life Insurance gave the group a "motivational" speech entitled "Yes, You Can!"

Seniors introduced their parents and then stated future plans. Miniature diploma scrolls and red carnations were then presented to the class.

In the business session, co-president Jane Clayton announced that the group raised approximately \$10,000 for schools this year.

"This year has been challenging yet rewarding," commented co-president Clayton as she turned the meeting over to incoming president Jean Turner.

Math teams score high

Three of MHS's math teams earned high honors at the Shelby County Tournament held in Montevallo last Thursday.

Eighth grader Jason Hughes and freshman Renee Robertson placed 1st and 2nd individually to lead the Algebra II team to a 1st place trophy.

Kerry Meline won 3rd place individually in Advanced Math, and MHS's team came in second.

The Geometry team came in 3rd in the competition.

Math teacher Doug Morris is Algebra I, Algebra II, and Advanced Math sponsor; teacher Johnye Horton coaches the Geometry team.

Bus drivers compete at UM

Several MHS bus drivers participated in the 5th annual bus Road-e-o at the Alabama Traffic Safety Center at the University of Montevallo Tuesday.

"The Road-e-o allows us to call attention to school bus safety and develop public awareness to the responsibility that bus drivers have in safe transportation of school children," states Transportation Director Braxton Baker.

Participants drove a road course of serpentine, offset alleys, diminishing clearances, straight lines, and back-ups.

Winners Steve Lee from Thompson and George Shortridge, Vincent, will represent Shelby County at State in June.

Staff sells ads

SPOTLIGHT staffers and adviser Larry Haynes are selling FAREWELL advertisements. Ads may be purchased in the lunchroom at the 4th period or from any staff member until May 8.

Anyone may send an ad to any MHSer to say "Good Luck," "Farewell," "Congratulations," or anything of that nature. The ads will be printed in the May 22 issue of SPOTLIGHT.

Fifty cents will buy 50 spaces, and every 3 extra spaces will cost 5¢.

Snakes invade Montevallo

by Rina Burdett

Reptiles are the most despised of all wildlife. Spines shiver at the thought of a chance meeting with a snake during a walk in the woods. However, most snakes are harmless, helpful creatures that play a major role in the control of rodents and other pests.

Last Tuesday, students attended Yarbrough's Live Reptile Instructional Program. Mr. Yarbrough has been showing snakes annually at MHS for several years.

The show's purpose is to inform students of the different types of snakes--poisonous and non-poisonous--and how to react if one walks up on a snake. He also gave instructions on how to treat a snake bite whether poisonous or non poisonous.

Sophomore Jennifer Dawson stated, "I found the show interesting and quite educational."



Holiday boasts rich history

by Karen MacPherson

Next week, business will be on the rise in shops that specialize in flowers, cards, and candy as the Mother's Day weekend approaches. "The week of Mother's Day is one of our busiest times of the year," says Montevallo florist Carolyn Compton.

Although it is a national holiday in the United States, Mother's Day can be traced back to an annual festival held by a group of mother worshipers in Ancient Greece. Formal mother worship with ceremonies to Cybele, or Rhea, the Great Mother of the gods, were performed on the Ides of March throughout Asia Minor.

With the coming of Christianity, this developed into worship of "Mother Church," the celebration occurring on mid-Lent Sunday, when children returned home with gifts for parents. The idea found its way into modern times.

In the late nineteenth century, when a special day to honor mothers and cherish peace was set aside in England.

In the United States, Ann Jarvis first proposed making Mother's day an official holiday. Congress took the proposal, and it was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson, May 8, 1914, the second Sunday in May being the national day. The white carnation, signifying sweetness, purity, and emblem of endurance, was adopted as the floral emblem.

Short story surprises Roberts

Freshman Jamie Roberts recently won 1st place among Shelby County students in the Alabama Penmanship Writing Contest. Her short story, "Summer Surprise," will now compete in the district division. District winners enter state competition.

"I'm real proud of Jamie," says English teacher Delilah Robinson.

Concert ends band season

Montevallo's symphonic band will conclude its musical year with its annual Spring Concert, Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

The band will play its regular contest music in addition to several other pieces, as well as a possible sing-along of Gay Nineties music.

Director Jim Weese is making plans to record an album with the symphonic band using selections from its concerts and contest music.

If an adequate number of orders is taken (about 80), the price will be around \$13. The band has not recorded an album since 1979.

"I'm just in the investigative process now, but I really hope that it comes through. I'm very excited because I feel this is a superior band and we would cherish the memories," notes Mr. Weese.

Cheerers plan for next year

Montevallo's cheerleaders have raised over \$700 in much needed funds. The group made the money by selling miscellaneous items, including class key rings, teddy bears, coffee mugs, and decorative home interior articles.

Orders have been sent in and should be back next week. The money will be used to buy new uniforms.

"The squad has done an excellent job of raising money during our three-day sales," states sponsor Carol Czerw.

Cheerleaders are now in the process of selecting the style of the new uniforms. Upcoming events are a donut sale in May and the Universal Cheerleader Camp at the University of Montevallo during the second week of June.

Season nears end

Tomorrow MHS closes out the baseball season against Fayetteville at 4:30 p.m.

Site of the County tournament (May 7, 8, 11, 12) is pending due to Briarwood's appearance in the State playoff.

Tigers charge back to beat 'Dogs

Tuesday the Bulldog baseball squad lost a heart-breaker to West Blocton 15-12 at Kermit Johnson Field.

After the Tigers jumped out to a 5-1 lead in three innings, the 'Dogs charged back to tie the score at 5 in the bottom of the 5th and then pull out to a 12-7 lead by the end of the 6th inning.

However, the determined Tigers would not give in as their substitutes came back to take the lead and the game in the 7th inning. Four Bulldog pitchers were on the mound in that frame before the fire was out.

Bulldogs Matt Adams, Tyron Goodwin, and Danny Kelly all had 3 hits apiece; but it wasn't enough.

Paschel to sign with Hornets

Senior running back Demetrius Paschel has been offered a full four-year scholarship in football from Alabama State University in Montgomery. Demetrius plans to ink with the Hornets after he takes the ACT which is required for Division II football.

This past season Paschel, along with tailback Charles DeVinner, combined for over half of the 'Dogs' offensive threat. Paschel rushed for 625 yards on 76 tries--7.9 yards per carry.

"He is a young man with lots of talent with the potential to go a long way in football," says Coach Richard Gilliam. "He can be as good as he wants to be."

Cagers hold spring tryouts

Thirty six potential roundballers participated in MHS's tryouts for the 1987-88 Bulldog basketball team.

This week, Coach Pierson made his first cut, leaving 27 men which includes only one letterman from last season, Eric McCord.

A second cut later will reduce the roster to 23.

"Because of baseball and track, we won't make the final cut until next fall to give the others a chance to tryout," states Coach Pierson.

3-pointers to be added

by Charles DeVinner

Despite opposition from coaches around the state, next basketball season the Bulldogs and other high school teams will see a major change in high school basketball scoring.

Due to the recent decision by the National Federation, all schools in the state will install the 3-point goal. The change was made after many years of deliberation.

The 3-point goal has been around for several years at the professional level, and was installed in colleges last year.

"The 3-point play has its good and bad points," explains MHS Coach Bobby Pierson. "A 3-point last second lead just won't be safe anymore."

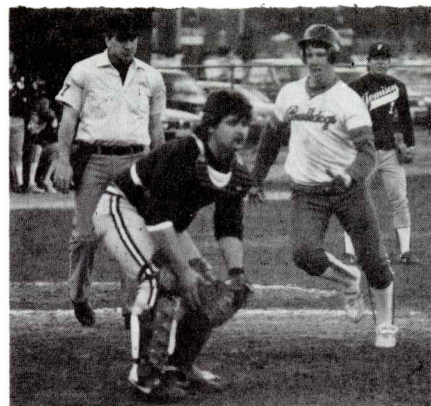
Coach Pierson also comments that he doesn't like the change but feels that he will "learn to like it."

Montevallo made preparations for the change when maintenance technician Danny Akers painted the 19'9 line in the Susie DeMent Gymnasium April 22.



WAY TO HIT THAT BALL!

Senior Danny Kelly, batting .487 after 18 games, shows the batting form that puts him among the state's leading prep hitters.



A BULLDOG RUN!

Junior Heath Galloway, the 'Dogs' RBI leader, scores one himself.

Bulldogs lose hopes for State playoff berth

For the second time this year, Dallas County has knocked Montevallo out of State playoffs. Last fall, the Hornets eliminated the 'Dogs on the gridiron, then Thursday, April 23, they did it again on the baseball diamond, defeating MHS 4-3.

Hornet Jim McGhee hit a 5th inning homerun to tie the score at 3, then second baseman John Denson singled and scored on Rick Ferguson's sacrifice fly in the 6th to give Dallas a second victory over the Bulldogs and a 5-1 record in Area 6 play.

Burdett starts; Smith takes over

Freshman Robert, in relief of sophomore Steve Burdett, was tagged with the loss; John Hatfield was winning pitcher. Senior Danny Kelly (2 for 3--1 double) and sophomore Arthur McCray (2 for 2 with 2 RBI's) led the Bulldogs at the plate.

"Don't hang your heads, fellows," said Coach Kenny Brown as his disappointed Bulldogs left the field, "you did a good job."

'Dogs whip Panthers 7-5

Montevallo went into the game coming off a confidence-building 7-5 win over the 5A Pelham Panthers. The Bulldogs broke loose for 5 runs in the 6th inning to overcome a 4-2 lead which Pelham took when Jamie Lovelady hit a 2-run homer in the 3rd.

In Montevallo's rally, senior Gray Randall and sophomore Jeff Roper singled while Heath Galloway doubled to produce the winning runs. Bulldog Matt Adams started on the mound and was relieved by Smith, who picked up the win.

Earlier in the season after winning their first two area games, the 'Dogs lost two of three area matches, giving the area lead to Dallas.

On April 14, the 'Dogs hosted the Dallas County Hornets. After an error-filled 1st inning, MHS could not get on track; and the Hornets handed junior pitcher Tyron Goodwin his first loss of the year, 9-2. Goodwin led at the plate with 2 for 3.

Shelby game is "track meet"

Next, the 'Dogs traveled to Columbiana. After trailing the 'Dogs 13-4 after 3 innings, the Wildcats exploded to tie the count at 17 in the 6th. Galloway broke up the tie in the 7th when he homered with Kelly aboard on a single. Smith picked up his second win of the year after relieving Adams in the 6th.

In an April 20 game with Jemison, the 'Dogs fell 8-7. A pair of 7th inning home runs by Merritt Bowden and Shane Ray ended the match. Galloway blasted his second home run in as many games. Goodwin was losing pitcher.

Scoring by inning

April 23---Dallas

MHS	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
DCHS	0	0	0	2	1	1	x	4

Scoring by inning

April 21---Pelham

MHS	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	7
PHS	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	5

Scoring by inning

April 16---Shelby

MHS	3	2	6	2	1	3	4	21
SCHS	2	1	1	3	6	4	0	17

Track stars go to state

Five MHS track members qualified for state trials as they completed their regular season sectional competition last Saturday at Briarwood.

At State, senior Slade Blackwell will compete in the long jump and mile run; and sophomore Erica Chappell, junior Sandra Sloan, and freshmen Malana Monk and Reneé Robertson will run the mile relay.

Lyndett Peoples qualified for the 330 intermediate hurdles; but because he is an 8th grader, he cannot compete at State.

Competition will be today and Saturday (May 1, 2) at Troy State University.

Ladies take first victory

Tuesday, the girls' softball team won their first match of the season when they defeated Chelsea 9-4 at Chelsea.

MHS got off to a good start with Shelia Hill on the mound all the way.

Shortstop senior Dana Hayes led at the plate, as she collected two homers.

"It was a great game," says junior Lee Test.

Last week the Ladies dropped their game with the Berry Buccaneers 18-6 when they hosted the Bucs at Orr Park.

Bulldog Growls

Senior athletes to get awards

by Susie DeMent
Awards Day Coordinator

While most of our athletes receive much recognition during the year or at a banquet following the season, overall honors for senior athletes are announced at Awards Day--May 15, this year.



The Theron Fisher Award is among the highest awards a senior athlete can earn. This goes to one who is recognized as the complete male athlete--one who is dedicated to whatever game he is in and gives total effort, regardless of the situation.

The Good Sportsmanship Trophy is awarded the athlete who gives his best to the game, respects his opponent, encourages other team members, and upholds the principles of good sportsmanship both on and off the field.

Academic ability among the athletes is noted by the Principal's Trophy and the Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award. The senior athlete maintaining the highest academic average throughout high school receives the Principal's Trophy. An outstanding athlete who has maintained superior grades while participating in a variety of sports earns the Army Reserve Medal.

Seniors who participate in at least one sport during their senior year and have at least one other season in a competitive sport are given plaques which list all sports in which they lettered, as well as their years of participation.

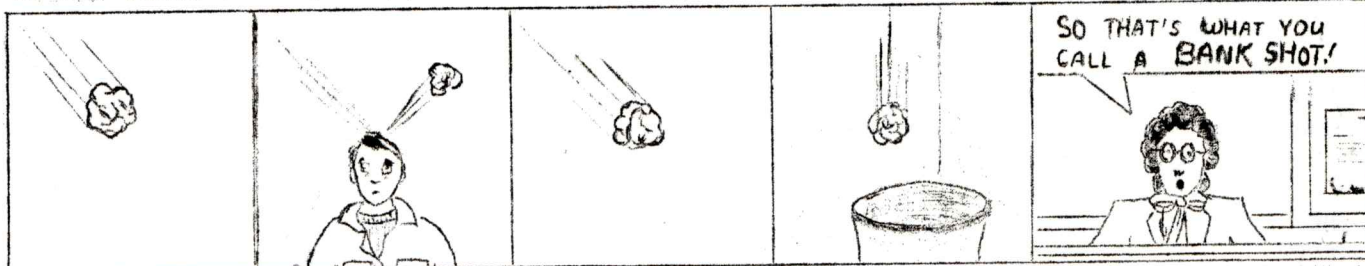
We salute all our senior athletes whether they will be receiving one of these awards or not for all they have helped bring distinction to our school through their participation in the athletic program.

Great time for baiting hooks arrives

by John Hardin

Crappie fishing is in its height in Alabama. The small fish may be caught at any time of the year; but in the spring, when the dogwoods are blooming, crappie fishing is at its best.

Minnows, crickets, and worms are typically used as bait. A typical "rig" for crappie fishing consists of a small cork, a lead, a high test line and a limberhook.





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At Awards Day

Students cited for academics

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." - John Kennedy

Paraphrasing Kennedy's statement, "A school reveals itself by the students it honors and remembers," said typing teacher Susie DeMent as she and Principal Norman Payne prepared to present awards to the many students who were "remembered" at MHS's May 15 Awards Day.

Top awards in ACADEMICS went to Valedictorian Lisa Lawley, and Salutatorians Meg Perkins and Kara Child.

All three students received the Presidential Citation for Academic Fitness, recognition as Honor
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THIS LOOKS GOOD!
Business Teacher Susie DeMent and Principal Norman Payne get ready for Awards Day No. 30.



ADDING FINAL TOUCHES!

Class President Slade Blackwell practices his graduation speech as Valedictorian Lisa Lawley awaits her turn. Class sponsor Marcia Spivery gives her advice.

96 will receive diplomas

Batts to speak at ceremony

Ninety six members of the Class of 1987 will walk across the stage Thursday, May 27, at the University of Montevallo's Palmer Hall at 7:30 p.m. The 96 MHS seniors will end their high school careers that night.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Wade Batts, Program Manager at the Computer Science Corporation in Huntsville. Mr. Batts will use as his subject "Our World, Where Do You Fit? Will You Be a Giver or a Taker?"

"I'm looking forward to sharing my experience with these graduating seniors," states Mr. Batts.

Other speakers include Valedictorian Lisa Lawley, Class President Slade Blackwell, and Principal Norman Payne. Assistant Principal Doug Morris will name the seniors as Mr. Payne awards diplomas. Dr. Betty Louise Lumby, UM Professor of Music, will provide organ music.

Junior parents host reception

Immediately following commencement exercises, a reception will be held in the MHS auditorium. All new graduates, friends, and family members are invited.

Junior class mothers will coordinate and host the event while basic home ec students and FHA members will provide and serve refreshments.

For sixth straight year

FFAers qualify for State

Over 400 FFAers representing nine schools attended the West Central District competition at MHS Saturday, May 2. Teams judged lambs, hogs, and heifers at Green Valley Farms in Dogwood.

Montevallo's team, consisting of sophomore Steve Burke, juniors Lance Byrd, Jason Turner, and senior Dana Hayes, captured 2nd place. Byrd also had the 2nd overall highest score for the event.

As a result of their placement, the team will travel to Auburn in June for state competition. FFA advisor Tony Berry states, "We have been to state the past six years, but I'd like to win a state banner this year."

Honor Society holds orientation for MMS students

Eighth graders from the Montevallo Middle School invaded MHS Friday, May 15.

National Honor Society sponsored the orientation to help future students become familiarized with MHS.

Honor Society members, along with Principal Norman Payne and Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley told the group of the activities offered at MHS.

Students then toured the campus and completed the trip with refreshments in the cafeteria.

21 seniors perform final band concert

Last night, the symphonic band ended its year with its annual spring concert.

The group performed tunes from a variety of musical styles, including Beguine tempos, "Big Band" tunes, and march rhythms.

Director Jim Weese recognized 21 graduating seniors for "four years of hard work and dedication."

For summer term

Dates set

Montevallo High School's Summer School session will last from June 8 - July 24. Registration forms were to have been turned in last week. Fees will not have to be paid until classes begin.

The cost is \$90 for the full term and \$70 for one half term. Classes will last from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday - Friday.

Honor Society inducts 16

Montevallo's chapter of the National Honor Society held an assembly May 6 to tap new members for 1987-88. Inductees must have at least an 85 grade average from 9th through 11th grade without a failing mark on their record to be selected and must possess qualities in leadership, character, and service. Sixteen students were tapped for the honor.

New members are juniors Britt Blake, Tracy Duren, Glenda Lawley, Tracey McElroy, Lisa McGee, Karen MacPherson, Dewayne Meeks, Mike Mieure, Steve Milstead, Deprecia Moore, Jeanise Motes, Cindy Robbins, Tanya Rovellstad, Lee Test, and seniors Stephanie Edwards and Melody Thompson.

Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley is MHS's National Honor Society sponsor.

It's News Downtown

City sponsors class project

The City of Montevallo is allowing seniors to leave a lasting impression at MHS by placing their handprints in the new sidewalk by the baseball field behind MHS.

The project, implemented by city employees, is under the direction of City Administrator, Don Hughes.

"I appreciate Mr. Hughes for his complete involvement

with MHS students," says Principal Norman Payne.

Montevallo Chamber of Commerce recently started a beautification project by the viaduct which includes flowers and trees.

Pre-registration for UM Summer School is currently underway.

Classes begin June 12.



EDITORIALS



As exams near

Pupils urged to study

Final exams begin today for seniors and Monday for underclassmen.

All students are encouraged to prepare well for these tests. Since these are the last grades of the year, everyone should do their best to finish on a successful note.

Grades play an important part in the minds of college admission counselors as well as potential employers. Therefore, everyone should study hard and be prepared to do a good job on the finals.

MHS mourns loss

Students and faculty at MHS were recently saddened by the loss of a fellow-classmate and friend, sophomore Jodie Turner. Jodie died Friday, May 8, due to injuries sustained from a fall at Falling Rock near Pea Ridge.

Jodie will be greatly missed. Her cheerful smile, joyful laugh, happy outlook on life, loyal friendship, and dedication as a student served as inspiration to her friends as well as members of the faculty. Furthermore, her bubbly personality brightened many days at MHS.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Staff extends thanks

Montevallo High School expresses its thanks to the many concerned patrons who contribute so much to the school. This issue of SPOTLIGHT is an example of these contributions.

The use of colored pictures in the school newspaper is a first for MHS. This journalism project, led by business manager John Hardin, was made possible through generous donations of local businesses.

We appreciate their contributions and hope our readers will also express their appreciation to the following:

Bill's Contracting Service, Dr. Harrelson, Montevallo Eye Clinic, Galloway Gulf, Rockco's Funeral Home, Seaman Timber, Smitherman's Pharmacy, Roberts' Real Estate, Merchants and Planters Bank, Town and Country Vet, Three Kings, Jefferson Federal, Holcomb Building Supply, University Video Club, Inc.

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Top scholars receive honors

Twelve seniors will be graduating with highest honors--with an overall average of 90 or above. The 12 includes Valedictorian Lisa Lawley and Salutatorians Kara Child and Meg Perkins.

The other nine honorees are Eric Bearden, David Grimes, John Hardin, Staci Hayes, Randy Johnson, Rhonda Murray, Sheila Readal, Marsha Tryon, and Sherry Yeager.

At graduation, the top 12 seniors plus 16 others who earned National Honor Society recognition, will receive gold cords denoting membership in the Honor Society. Average required for this is 85 or above.

These include the top 12 and Cathy Anderson, Amy Bice, Slade Blackwell, Chris Bomar, Jan Edwards, Stephanie Edwards, Teresa Farrington, Mike Hamilton, Danny Kelly, Michael Kimbrell, John McMillan, Tena Niven, Sharmon Russell, Chris Sawyer, Elaine Spicer, and Melody Thompson.

Awards -- (Cont.)

graduates, and citations as members of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

The three also were given academic scholarships.

Students who were "remembered" for GOOD CITIZENSHIP and their awards are:

Kara Child and John Hardin (American Legion); Kara Child (DAR); David Grimes (Rotary); Willie Goldsmith (Civitan); Cindy Robbins and Mike Mieure (Danforth); Deprecia Moore and Barry Studdard (Girls/Boys State); Melissa Payne (Student Council Award).

Honored for their SPORTS performances while in high school were: Meg Perkins (Principal's Trophy); Slade Blackwell (Theron Fisher Award and U.S. Marines' Citation).

Other SPORTS honorees were Danny Kelly and Tena Niven (Army Reserve Medals); Reggie Mann (Good Sportsmanship).

Top MUSIC award winners were Meg Perkins, Jenny Lucas, Angie Gerber, Jill Lawley and Jamie Roberts.

Service planned

This Sunday (May 24) seniors will have a baccalaureate procession at Faith Baptist Church in Dogwood at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Mrs. Willie B. Bolling, mother of John Bolling ('85), and Mrs. Betty Nelson, Mother of Victoria Nelson ('86) are sponsors.

Several guest speakers will advise seniors about their future, and Sonya Farrington will give a tribute in song.

Seniors receive commendations

"This is an exceptional senior class," explains Awards Day coordinator Susie DeMent as she recounts awards won by the group. "A greater number of the students received citations than I can ever remember from past years."

According to Miss DeMent, 12 of the 96 graduating seniors were named for the Society of Distinguished American High School Students, 30 received the Presidential Citation for Academic Fitness, 12 will graduate with "A" averages, and 11 received scholarships.

(Pictured on p. 5 are some of the top winners.)

1. COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARS--Approximately \$180,000 in scholarships was awarded to the following seniors:

(seated) Cathy Anderson, Kara Child, Meg Perkins, Lisa Lawley, Staci Hayes. (Standing) John Hardin, Randy Johnson, Slade Blackwell, David Grimes, and Willie Goldsmith. (Not pictured, Tommy Bivins.)

2. OLYMPIC MEDALS?--Danny Kelly and Tena Niven were awarded Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Awards.

3. ALL-STARS--Slade Blackwell, Meg Perkins, Danny Kelly, and Tena Niven all received athletic-academic trophies.

4. THE CREAM--Valedictorian Lisa Lawley is surrounded by Salutatorians Meg Perkins and Kara Child.

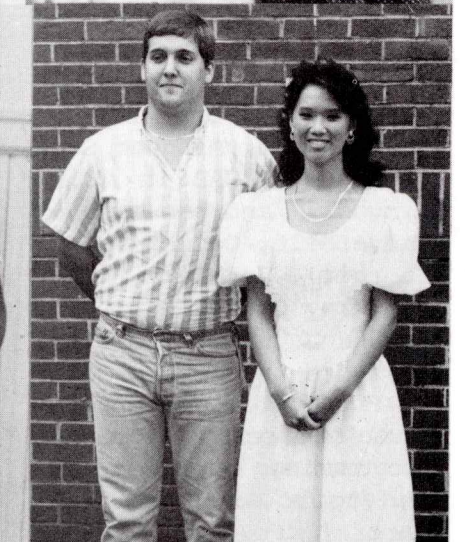
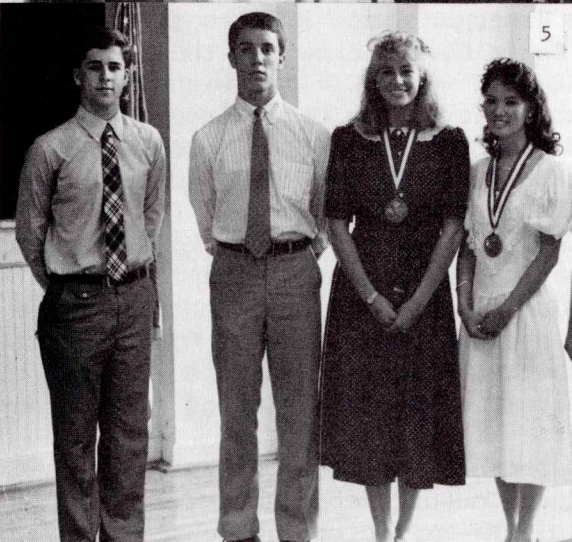
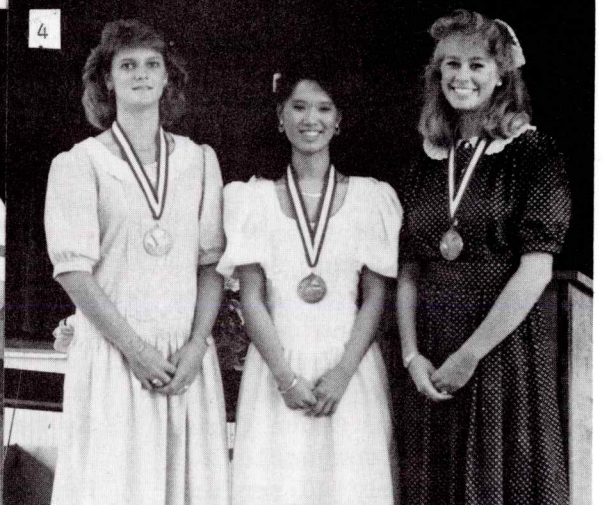
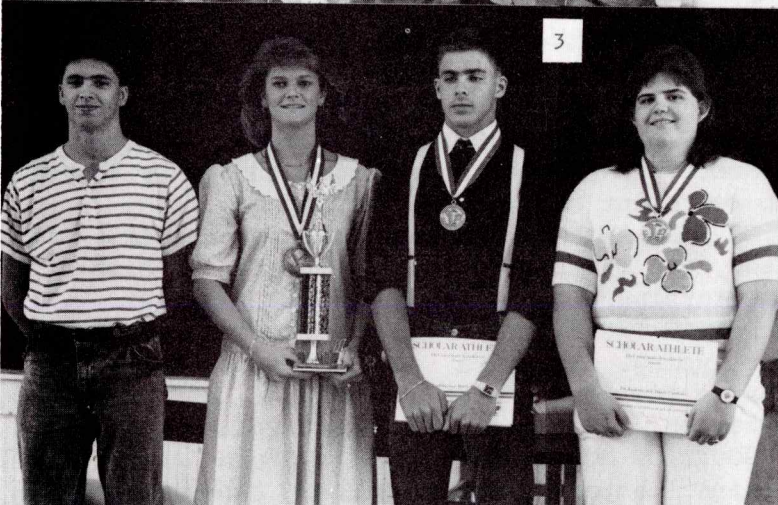
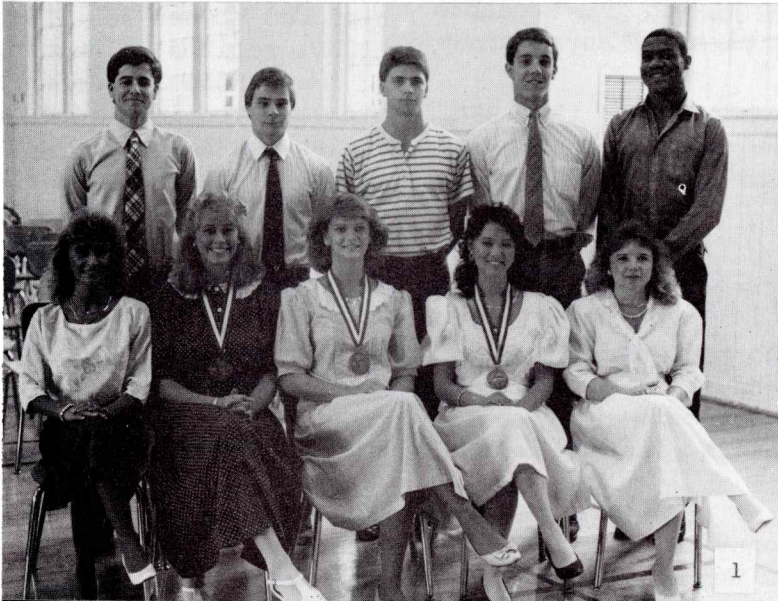
5. DISTINGUISHED PATRIOTS--Kara Child and John Hardin received the American Legion Award denoting high qualities of leadership, scholarship, patriotism, and service; David Grimes and Lisa Lawley received honorable mention for the same honor.

6. THE TOTAL ATHLETE--Slade Blackwell earned the Marine Scholar and Theron Fisher Awards.

7. EFFORT PAYS--Lisa Lawley and Chris Bomar received "National Merit" Letters of Commendation.

Seniors reap awards for use of talents

AWARDS DAY, A BIG EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL, is especially significant for the seniors. Academic standouts, leading citizens, top athletes, and gifted musicians from their class captured most honors. (Pictures identified p. 4.)



Students start circle

Since April 7, several MHSers have been meeting at the Baptist Student Union for a time of breakfast, sharing, and prayer with others.

"My desire in organizing the group was to give students an opportunity to share in the prayer circle," says group leader Johnye Horton.

Participants will reconvene September 2 at the BSU. "I think it is great! It has helped me a lot with my spiritual growth. I look forward to the circle each week," says junior Jeanise Motes.

'Helper' retires

Mr. Andy Russell, chief photographer at University of Montevallo and one of the persons who work behind the scenes for SPOTLIGHT, retires in August.

"Mr. Russell delayed his vacation in order to finish our Awards Day pictures," says journalism teacher Larry Haynes.

Grads tell future plans

by Elaine Spicer

A SPOTLIGHT survey reveals that future interests of the Class of '87 are quite varied.

Most students polled plan to work part- or full-time jobs this summer. Other plans include taking summer classes, resting, partying, and getting a tan, while some are planning marriage.

For the "legendary" senior trip, at least 30 students will be in Florida with friends the day after graduation. Other out of town sites include Georgia for Six Flags, South Carolina, and Disneyworld.

Approximately 40 seniors will enroll in colleges next fall--15 at University of Montevallo, 4 at University of Alabama, 5 at both Bessemer Tech and Birmingham Southern, 3 at UAB in Birmingham, and one each at Vanderbilt, Oglethorpe (in Georgia), Jefferson State, and Troy State. Nine will attend Auburn University.

Others are "undecided."

Prospective majors include engineering, computer programming, business, architecture, education, commercial art, and various fields of medicine.

Standouts capture honors

High achievers from all areas of academics, activities, and athletics were recognized at MHS's 30th annual Awards Day ceremony, May 15.

Winners listed below identify pictures shown on page 7.

1. TRUMPET FANFARE--Sophomore Jennifer Lawley, junior Jenny Lucas, senior Meg Perkins, and band director Jim Weese perform the National Anthem to open the Awards Day festivities.

2. TOP ACHIEVERS--Senior Lisa Lawley, junior Glenda Lawley, sophomore Angie Gerber, and junior Tracey McElroy earned all A's in every subject for one year.

3. GIRLS/BOYS STATERS--Young leaders, juniors Deprecia Moore and Barry Studdard were chosen by the faculty to represent MHS at camp this summer.

4. GIVE ME AN "A"--Freshmen Jennifer Yeager, Renee Robertson, and Tim Davies (not pictured) set high standards by earning all A's for the first semester.

5. RATTLE THOSE KEYS--Five students earned trophies for fast typing. They are junior Jeanise Motes, sophomore Karen Edwards, senior Jan Edwards, and sophomore Ky MacPherson. (Not pictured, Heath Galloway.)

6. SOUND OF MUSIC--John Phillip Sousa Award winner Meg Perkins (center), Arion Winner Jenny Lucas (far right), Outstanding Freshmen Jamie Roberts and Jill Lawley, and Sophomore Angie Gerber show off their awards.

7. LET THE LADIES SIT--Good Citizen winners are: (Front) Seniors Lisa Lawley, Kara Child, and juniors Cindy Robbins and Deprecia Moore. (Back) Seniors John Hardin, Willie Goldsmith, David Grimes; and junior Barry Studdard. (Not pictured, Mike Mieux.)

8. ADULTS WHO CARE--Cited for service to the school are Brother Rick Evans, chaplain of football team; Copresidents of PTO, Jan Clayton and Faye Roberts; Don Hughes (for her husband, President of Band Boosters), and Mr. Randall Johnston, Athletic Boosters President. Not pictured, supporters of girls athletics, Ruben and Becky Hayes.

9. GREAT REP--Sophomore Melissa Payne was named Most Dedicated Student Council Representative.

10. TRIUMPHANT RETURN--MHS science teacher Emily Pendleton is Awards Day speaker at her Alma Mater, MHS.

Achievers shine at Awards Day 1987

Students "who have been willing to go a little beyond requirements . . . to achieve a degree of excellence" received recognition at Awards Day. Outstanding members of all classes were cited for "their contributions to the progress" of MHS.



Sports Shorts

Montevallo Coach Bobby Pierson will take several prep standouts to participate in a basketball camp at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

The camp takes place the last week in July.

Football players will have their final team meeting Monday at 3:10 in Coach Richard Gilliam's room. They will return for fall practice August 3.

Five Bulldogs rated among the Metro batting leaders. They are:

Matt Adams	.500
Danny Kelly	.450
Heath Galloway	.410
Tyron Goodwin	.370
Gray Randall	.340

Girls blast Pelham squad

Montevallo's girls' softball team finished the season with sweet revenge.

The Lady 'Dogs swept the Pantherettes in a double-header 18-17, 13-11.

Montevallo began the game by scoring nine runs in the first inning.

Bulldog bats boomed with homeruns as Dana Hayes contributed four and Laura McCollough added one.

However, the determined Panthers also put on an offensive show as the lead swapped hands several times. In both games, the 'Dogs had to hold off late rallies by the Panthers.

Coach Lisa Shumate's 'Dogs ended the season with three straight victories.

Flawless opener jinxes 'Dogs

by Charles DeVinner

Seeded second behind Thompson in the county baseball tournament, the Bulldogs bulldozed the Chelsea hornets 17-4 in the first round in only 5 innings.

Matt Adams got the win, with Steve Burdett as relief. At bat, Adams was 3 for 3 (one a homerun); Tyron Goodwin had 2 for 2; and Danny Kelly, 2 for 3.

"We stuck to the game plan and played an almost flawless game," comments Coach Kenny Brown.

Rain stops game

The second round match against Vincent lasted only two innings before being stopped because of rain. Before the game was called, however, Heath Galloway hit a two-run homer, bringing his season total to six round-trippers. The following night, the 'Dogs fought through three innings of misfires before falling 13-3.

Montevallo was eliminated in the losers' bracket by Pelham 5-2. Panther defense and Bulldog errors combined to destroy any hopes for a county title for MHS, as Pelham advanced to the title game with Thompson.

"This has been a good experience for me, and it will be hard to regenerate the same type of play because of the loss of our four seniors," states Coach Brown.

Team is entertained

Tuesday night, parents entertained the team at a cookout and awards ceremony at the Kelly's lakehouse.

Adams, named All-County, took top honors as most valuable player, shared the Hustle Award with Kelly, and won 400 Club honors with Galloway and Kelly.

Kelly and Chris Sawyer were named captains; Jeff Roper, Most Improved Player; Tyron Goodwin, Pitcher of the Year; Gray Randall, Comeback Player of the year; Galloway, Batting Champion. To close the affair, scorekeeper Susie DeMent was named Honorary Coach.

Adams, Bivins earn grants

Two MHSers recently signed full athletic scholarships. Tuesday, Matt Adams inked a 4-year scholarship with Jacksonville State University in baseball; while Tommy Bivins signed a basketball scholarship with Jefferson State Junior College, Birmingham, in April.

Adams achieved recognition among Metro prep hitters maintaining a .500 batting average this season. He was also named All-County. "I'm very excited about playing college baseball; it has been fun playing at MHS," says Adams. "Coach Brown has helped me a lot."

"I knew he had the ability and believe he will do well. Jacksonville State is a good school and having an athlete like Matt representing us there makes our team look stronger," says Coach Brown.

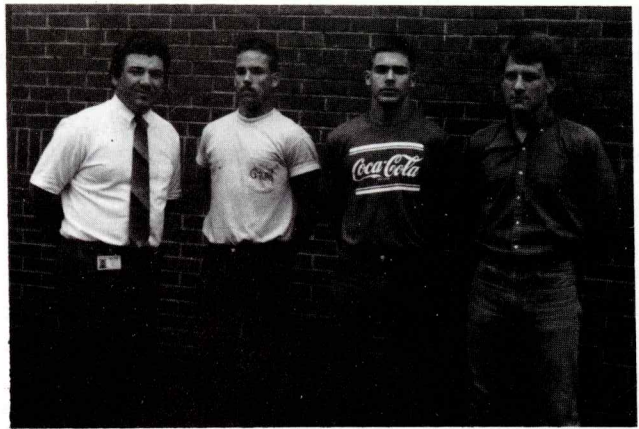
Bivins, who compiled over 2,000 points in his four years at MHS, led the 'Dogs in scoring and rebounding this year. "I'm looking forward to hitting the books as well as playing," states Bivins. (Demetrius Paschel)

3 make All-Star team

Senior baseball players Matt Adams, Danny Kelly, and Gray Randall (MHS outfielders) represented Montevallo in the East-West All-Star game Sunday in Clanton. All played on the winning East team, with Randall walking and later scoring the first run in the 6-1 victory.

The game, sponsored by Lions International, featured outstanding seniors from Chilton, Coosa, Dallas, and Shelby Counties. Players were divided into two teams by participating coaches.

Batting averages, as well as fielding ability, were taken into consideration in the selection of the seniors.



ALL-STARS

Coach Kenny Brown poses with his senior All-Stars, Gray Randall, Danny Kelly, and Matt Adams.

Runners go to State meet

Coach Kevin Hancock saw several of his MHS track team members compete recently at state trials at Troy State University.

Senior Slade Blackwell competed in the 2-mile run and the long jump. Junior Sandra Sloan, sophomores Erika Chappell, Andrea Daniels, and freshman Malana Monk took part in the 440-relay.

Freshman Renee Robertson, along with Chappell, Monk, and Sloan, participated in the mile relay.

The girls posted a 7th place finish among 17 teams competing.

"They really did an outstanding job, considering the caliber of athletes at the meet," comments Coach Hancock. "Slade would have placed better, but he had to compete in his best event (long jump) just after finishing the two-mile run and, I know he had to be tired."

For baseball team

Season ends with victory

Coach Kenny Brown's Bulldogs closed out regular season play with victories over Calera and Fayetteville for a 14-11 record for 1987.

Against Calera, sophomore pitcher Jeff Roper allowed 6 hits, struck out 2, and walked 3 as the 'Dogs took a 15-4, 5-inning victory. "We just did what it took to put them away early," says Coach Brown.

Behind a strong batting attack, the 'Dogs scored the 15 runs in two innings. Calera's 4 runs (all unearned) came in the final 2 innings on MHS errors.

'Dogs split two

Montevallo then tuned up for the county tournament by splitting a doubleheader with Fayetteville, losing 8-6, and winning 2-1.

Fayetteville, a 1A-state contender, was "one of the finest all-around teams we've faced all year" according to Coach Brown.

Senior Matt Adams took the loss as the first game went to the Wolves in a near error-free game.

Kelly hits a winner

With junior Tyron Goodwin on the mound, Montevallo fought back to take the second game, 2-1, as senior Danny Kelly clouted his seventh game-winning RBI.

Senior leftfielder Gray Randall was 3 for 3 at bat, and sophomore Arthur McCray claimed a near-perfect bunt to help the cause. Adams and junior Heath Galloway got homeruns in the matches. This was Adams' second of the season and No. 5 for Galloway.

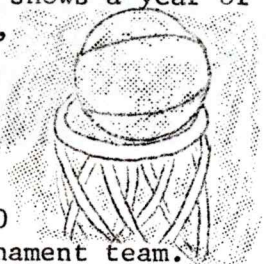
"This has really been a good group; it'll be hard to replace our four seniors. Next year, we'll have a roster change, leaving room for around 15 dedicated young men," explains Coach Brown. "I'll make the change because some of the guys don't pay attention to the rules and don't appreciate the program."

Organizations reach goals in '87; look to '88

The year 1986-87 at MHS will be remembered by all as a successful one. Athletic teams as well as school organizations and classes reached many peaks.

Coach looks ahead Team dominates local schools

The outlook for 1987-88 basketball shows a year of rebuilding, with only one player back from the very successful 1987, 20-10 State Tournament team.



We can be competitive if we work hard, sticking to the basics and improving with each game.

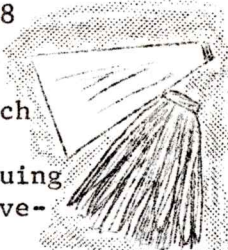
By Area Tournament time, if we believe in one another, play team ball, and keep that Bulldog PRIDE, we will be a contender.

Even though we will be young, all the men are proven winners, and they all love the game.

...Coach Bobby Pierson

Cheerleaders plan for future events

The 1987-88 cheerleading squad has accomplished much since tryouts and is continuing to show improvements.



We are presently preparing a cheer and a dance for camp, which will be held in June. I am very pleased with their willingness to work and their ability to get along with each other.

We have already raised close to \$700 for new uniforms and supplies and are excited about the upcoming year. It should be great!

(Valorie Herron, Head

Reflecting upon the 1986 football season brings contrasting memories--more positive than negative. Graduating seniors, along with their underclass teammates can look back with fond memories as can the coaching staff who had the privilege to work with these fine athletes.

Among the cherished memories will be:

A 6-4 win-loss record against one of the stiffest schedules in the state that saw us fall one win short of the state play-offs; a 17-0 win over area-champs Jemison; the most cherished experience of a 24-15 victory over Thompson--the first in a long time.

Our first step into 6A competition--with a 20-7 win over John Carroll; a 20-0 pasting of a good West Blocton Tiger team at homecoming; and finally, and most important, the esprit de corps, the love and affection among the team members who worked, sweated, and played together so successfully. (Coach Richard Gilliam)

SC concludes successful year

It was a very productive year in Student Council. Accomplishments included: Developing a bulletin board to keep students informed; writing a column (Student Council Speaks for SPOTLIGHT); sponsoring a big-sister, big-brother program--one of the most successful ever.

Painting Bulldog paw prints paving the way to the stadium; joining USCA for the first time and being active in this state organization by attending the spring conference; taking part in READER'S DIGEST's Drinking and Driving Program; giving an annual award for the outstanding representative; and starting a fund to help finance a new stage curtain for the auditorium.

I am proud to have been associated with the Council; and, as others, am proud to have served MHS. (Kara Child)

Honor Society works to help others

With many projects completed as planned, National Honor Society had an excellent year. It began with the annual Christmas Door Decorating Contest, followed by Teacher Appreciation Day. Both events went well and had a good response from faculty and students.

In February, the society organized a very successful blood drive. Profits from the sale of 100 dozen donuts in April were used to support the Scholars' Bowl team and help finance Teacher Appreciation Day.







On May 7, 18 new members were tapped; and on May 17, orientation for incoming 8th graders was held.

The year ended with a party at Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley's lakehouse.









....John Hardin, President

1987 Forewell notes

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 <p>MIKE, Don't forget me next year Take Care, I Love You, SNAIL</p>	<p>AMY and STEPH, Bunnies, broke arm, the wide SPSII. Let's go get 'em! I love you both! KRISTIE</p>	<p>CHRIS SAWYER, Hey! Thanks a lot for be- ing a great friend. I am really going to miss you next year! Love, JEN</p>
<p>LISA, You are the best Sister ever. Thanks for your Love, help and support... Now how much sense does that make? Love, PEARL</p>	<p>KARA, Tulane bound! I'll miss bor- rowing your clothes. I'll miss you, too! SUZANNE</p>	<p>SENIORS, Take the train or express and never let your good work rest. Yes, you made it to the top, but the goal is still there even when you stop. FROM SOPHOMORE A.D.</p>
<p>KRISTY CUMMINGS, We have had fun in the past and still do. Good luck with everything. Love you, ANGIE BUNN</p>	 <p>SENIORS, Congratulations! Always remember the way we were! B. J. Belisle</p>	<p>RHONDA MURRAY, I'm gonna miss ya. Good luck at Auburn! I love ya! TONYA</p>
<p>LISA, You have been a very good friend of mine for many years and I will miss you very much! Love, RAH-REN</p>	<p>DARLA, Thanks for being there for me. Love you, DEB</p>	<p>ERIC BEARDEN, RHONDA MURRAY, MEG PERKINS, KARA CHILD, & THE REST OF THE CIRCLE, I'll miss you all! You're the best big brother and sisters ever! TONYA</p>
<p>KAER, Thanks for all the help and encouragement! Love, BAILOR</p>	<p>M.G., R.M., T.C., T.F., Have fun because your classwork is about done! ME-ME</p>	<p>DANNY, I'll miss you bunches next year. Please keep in touch. I love you always. SANDRA</p>
<p>FRIJOLA, You'll always have a place in my heart. I'm going to miss you. FRIJOLE</p>	<p>JOHN, Thanks for being a great friend! We'll miss you! R.B. and S.C.</p>	<p>JAN EDWARDS, We love you more than 50 spaces or this 50 cents! DAD AND MOM</p>
<p>SNAIL, I Love You! SHOESTRING</p>	 <p>AMY, Remember the visit, Conad, the drainpipe, the big "A," rolling down the hill, the dogs and don't forget we're all chums! We love you! KRISTIE and ANDY</p>	 <p>JAN EDWARDS, You have made us proud of you! Love and Congratulations! DAD AND MOM</p>
<p>MY DB, These years with you have been great! Thanks for all of the special times we have shared. I'm going to miss you. My Love Always, VAL-VAL</p>	<p>DK, MA, CS, CB, May you all play many more games of super basketball. Keep the Skoal flowing. KRISTIE</p>	<p>DG, I will miss you next year! SB</p>
<p>ALISON, You made it Babe! Hard to believe, isn't it? See ya in FL! KERRY</p>	 <p>CHRIS B, You'll always have my sun- shine! Keep in touch. I love you always! KRISTIE</p>	<p>RAH, RAH, I am going to miss you. We had some wild times and they're not over yet. THUMPER</p>
	<p>TO THE SENIOR ATHLETES, Best wishes as you go out from us. Thank you for your dedication and support. COACH GILLIAM</p>	<p>P.S. I can't wait any longer! P.C."87"</p> 

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<p>"SWEETCHEEKS" You are a nice guy! Thanks for all the laughs. TWO FRIENDS</p>	 <p>JMW I love thee. Let not time sever us. Here I stand, forever thine. M & J</p>	<p>SU CASA & FRIJOLE, I'm going to miss you guys. Thanks for making the past few years bearable! I love you! THE CASA</p>
<p>RHONDA MURRAY, Congratulations! War Eagle Bound! And my office, too! Love, DAD</p>	<p>To a fine super stud, you are all I dream of. I love you. ZANDRA JOE</p>	<p>SUSIE, Have a good summer. I'm going to miss you so I'll see you. TANIA</p>
<p>SENIORS, I remember you as 9th graders calling me Ms. H., hiding my hall passes, the X-rated Christmas card, the sing-a-gram in the cafeteria, but most of all that you always showed respect and kindness. Miss you, SUNFLOWER</p>	<p>PUPSHE, I love you even if you don't realize it. I hope I can prove it to you soon--very soon.</p>	<p>BO, I will miss your big blue eyes this summer. Hope to see ya! SOMEONE WHO LOVES YOU A LOT</p> 
<p>KARA ELIZABETH, Hey, you homegrown country girl! I tricked you! You are a pretty good ole ex-president, and all those other things. See ya! Good-looking! YOUR FAVORITE JUNIOR</p>	<p>BARRY, Have fun next year! Only one to go you homeboy, so called James Bond, Champ Speller you! Gonna git ya! Bye! YOUR FAVORITE SENIOR</p>	<p>TEACHERS</p> <p>HEIDI ROSS, Thanks for all the times and patience with my history classes this year. Thanks especially for the class-room encyclopedias. BARBARA HENDERSON</p> 
<p>ERIC, Keep the GQ look in Auburn and don't forget us in Montevallo. PARTY HARD! KERRY</p>	<p>PUPSHE, Thanks for the rides home. Maybe I can take you for a ride.</p>	<p>MRS. BELISLE, You are a GREAT teacher! Thank you for giving me the incentive to be all that I can be! DEPRECIA MOORE</p>
<p>EB, AM, RM, TN, MP, MR, It's been a party! From SS to Bluegrass, prom to Jacuzzi. Florida will be a blast! I wish all of you the best at AU, UA, and UM. KERRY</p> 	<p>SR, SE, CH, SS, JT, Thanks for the summer of '85. I'll never forget you guys. Love, MEG</p>	<p>MR. MORRIS, Thanks for the support! How about a cookie? PAM and JEANISE</p> 
<p>LISA, Have fun at Ogelthorpe. Watch out for GA Tech guys. Love ya, KERRY</p>	<p>KAREN EDWARDS, Congratulations on having us for parents! Love you! DAD AND MOM</p>	<p>MRS. ROSS, I hope you have a great summer. We will miss you! KELLY</p>
<p>UNDER-CLASSMEN</p>  	<p>TO COLLEGE GIRL, Thanks for being such a great friend. TT</p>	<p>MRS. ROBINSON, Thanks for all the advice!! You are "my especial!" Love, ELAINE</p> 
<p>CINDY MURPHREE, I hope things work out between us. GRAY</p>	<p>VASHITA, HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! ROBERT</p>	
	<p>TO KAREN EDWARDS We love you with all our hearts! Proud you're ours. DAD AND MOM</p>	
	<p>MH, Thanks for being a great friend. Love ya! RH</p>	
	<p>JOY, Hey! What's up! Well, I had to write one more letter! I'm gonna miss you! XXXXX</p>	